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U.S. health chief says overdose deaths beginning to level off

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and CARLA K. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of U.S. drug overdose deaths has begun to level off after years of relentless increases driven by the opioid epidemic, health secretary Alex Azar said Tuesday, cautioning it's too soon to declare victory.

"We are so far from the end of the epidemic, but we are perhaps, at the end of the beginning," Azar said at a health care event sponsored by the Milken Institute think tank.

Confronting the opioid epidemic has been the rare issue uniting Republicans and Democrats in a politically divided nation. A bill providing major funding for treatment was passed under former President Barack Obama. More money followed earlier this year under President Donald Trump. And tomorrow Trump is expected to sign bipartisan legislation passed this month that increases access to treatment, among other steps. More than 70,000 people



In this June 26, 2018 file photo, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar speaks during a Senate Finance Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

died of drug overdoses last year, according to preliminary numbers released by the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention this summer — a 10 percent increase from 2016. Health and Human Services — the department Azar heads — is playing a central role in the government's response. In his speech Azar suggested that multi-pronged efforts to bring the epidemic under control are paying off. He ticked off statistics showing an increase in treatment with medications such as buprenorphine and naltrexone. There's solid evidence backing medication-assisted treatment, when used alongside counseling and ongoing support. He also noted much broader access to the overdose-reversing drug naloxone, and a documented decline in the number of people misusing prescription opioids as doctors take greater care in prescribing.

Azar said that toward the end of last year and through the beginning of this year, the number of deaths "has begun to plateau." Azar was not indicating that deaths are going down, but noting that they appear to be rising at a

slower rate than previously seen.

Earlier this month, the CDC released figures — also preliminary — that appear to show a slowdown in overdose deaths in late 2017 and the first three months of this year. From December to March, those figures show that the pace of the increase over the previous 12 months has slowed from 10 percent to 3 percent, according to the preliminary CDC figures.

Despite the slowdown, the nation is still in the midst of the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in its history. Opioids were involved in most of the deaths, killing nearly 48,000 people last year.

While prescription opioid and heroin deaths appear to be leveling off, deaths involving fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamines are on the rise. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid much more powerful than heroin, used as an additive in street drugs.

In President Barack Obama's last year in office, his administration secured a commitment to expand

treatment and Congress provided \$1 billion in grants to states. Trump declared the opioid epidemic a national emergency. Two major funding bills have passed under his watch. While Trump got headlines with his call for using the death penalty against major drug dealers, his administration has built on the treatment approach that Obama favored.

The Medicaid expansion in Obama's Affordable Care Act has also played a critical role, paying for low-income adults to go into treatment. A recent Associated Press analysis showed that states that expanded Medicaid are spending their new opioid grant money from Congress more judiciously, going beyond basics like treatment for people in crisis. Trump tried to repeal the Medicaid expansion, but failed.

Advocates for those struggling with addiction are pleased to see that more and more it's considered a disease and not a sign of moral weakness. But they say the U.S. has a long way to go build what they call "an infrastructure of care," a system that incorporates prevention, treatment and recovery.

In an interview with The Associated Press this summer, a CDC expert said the overdose death numbers appear to be shifting for the better, but it's too soon to draw firm conclusions.

Month-to-month data show a leveling off in the number of deaths, said Bob Anderson, a senior statistician with the National Center for Health Statistics. However, those numbers are considered preliminary, since death investigations have not been completed in all cases.

"It appears at this point that we may have reached a peak and we may start to see a decline," said Anderson. "This reminds me of what we saw with HIV in the '90s."

Final numbers for 2018 won't be available until the end of next year and things could also get worse, not better. □

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San Francisco is allowing noncitizens to vote, but few will

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco has become the largest U.S. city to give people in the country illegally and other noncitizens the right to vote in a local election, but the possibility of the Trump administration learning their identities appears to have kept people away: only 35 noncitizens have registered.

It is among a handful of cities nationwide to allow people who aren't citizens to vote, which is illegal in state and federal elections. In San Francisco, they can only participate in the school board race.

Voters in 2016 approved a measure allowing parents or guardians of a child in San Francisco schools to have a say in their children's education by helping elect school board representatives regardless of their immigration status. In the same election, Donald Trump won the presidency and has since cracked down on illegal immigration and ramped up rhetoric against those living in the U.S. illegally.

"We're in an unprecedented arena of animosity toward our immigrant community, and that has really stopped people from voting," said San Francisco Supervisor Sandra Fewer, a former member of the school board and a supporter of the noncitizen voting measure.

Noncitizens must provide their address and date of birth to register. The number who had was low as of Monday, but people can still sign up and vote on Election Day.

The Chinese American Voters Education Committee has been holding voter registration campaigns on college campuses, in low-income neighborhoods, at festivals and in Chinatown. Volunteers have not registered a single noncitizen, including a green-card holder, executive director David Lee said.

"People are really fearful because the Trump administration is perceived to be very anti-immigrant," Lee said. "There is legitimate concern that their information may be turned over to the federal government and that they may end up being detained or deported."

Lee and other community groups have been inviting prospective voters to register but also warning them of the risks. The city election department also has warnings on its registration form and on flyers saying voter information would be public and could be seen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other agencies.

San Francisco is a "sanctuary city" that otherwise limits cooperation with federal immigration officials. The city has not shied away from confronting the U.S. government on immigration, suing the Trump administration over sanctuary protections for people in the country illegally.

Those who championed the voting ordinance say it aims to give immigrants a greater voice at the school board, which approves curriculum, hires staff and manages a nearly \$900,000 annual budget.

The San Francisco School District does not keep a tally of its noncitizen parents or children but reports that 29 percent of its 54,000 students are English learners, with the majority listing Chinese or Spanish as their first language. At least 40,000 people in the city of 885,000 are in the country illegally, according to government estimates.

Harmeet Dhillon, a San Francisco attorney and committeewoman for the National Republican Committee, said allowing noncitizens to cast ballots devalues the rights of citizens. "Voting is a sacred privilege and a sacred right of citizens. It should not be trivialized for political gain," she said. Dhillon, who handles



election law cases, said she is not surprised that only a few noncitizens have registered because voting could jeopardize their chances of attaining citi-

zenship in the future.

"By voting people are taking a big legal risk, and for what return?" Dhillon asked. San Francisco is not the first place with such a mea-

sure. In Maryland, where an estimated 15 percent of residents are foreign-born, at least six cities allow noncitizens to vote in local elections. □



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'Boogeyman' Trump stokes fears in election closing arguments



President Donald Trump speaks following a ceremony signing the "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018" into law in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

Associated Press

By CATHERINE LUCEY, ZEKE MILLER and JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Mob rule. A socialist takeover. Terrorists marching on the U.S. border. As President Donald Trump embraces the role of electoral boogeyman, he's making closing arguments to midterm voters that increasingly resemble a Halloween horror story. The candidate who won the White House in part by harnessing many Americans' anxieties is offering dire warnings about what life would look like if Democrats gain control of Con-

gress. Using racially charged language and sometimes questionable information, Trump argues that Democrats will plunge the country into socialism, imperil the social safety net, raise taxes and welcome millions of people pouring into the U.S. illegally. "At stake in this election is whether we continue the extraordinary prosperity that we've all achieved, or whether we let the radical Democrat mob take a giant wrecking ball and destroy our country and our economy," Trump said at a rally in Houston on Monday night. He's warning of Democratic "mob rule" and predicting a stock market crash if Democrats retake control on Capitol Hill. Trump's doomsday predictions come as Republicans seek to counter months of rising Democratic enthusiasm. The GOP has seen its own increase in energy since the politically charged confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Party leaders now believe they can increase their majority in the Senate, although control of the House remains within Democratic reach. Trump is looking to minimize any losses with a pitch that echoes his dark 2016 campaign rhetoric. In a post-Labor Day election briefing, GOP pollster Neil Newhouse warned the White House about an enthusiasm gap between Democrats and Republicans. He suggested that the GOP emphasize to voters the potential consequences of Democratic control of Congress on issues like abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Trump has taken that message to heart in recent weeks, White House aides say. The scare tactics run the risk of motivating Democrats or turning off moderates in the suburban races that could decide the House majority. But the White House sees the fear factor as a winning strategy. "We want to talk about national security, border

enforcement and justices. It's the themes and policy points that will drive people out," said former Trump campaign aide Sam Nunberg. "These are stark choices. We have to provide stark choices." In a recent Associated Press interview, Trump projected confidence about the upcoming elections, declaring: "It feels to me very much like '16," referring to his presidential win. At rallies and on Twitter in recent days, he has focused on Central American migrants making their way to the southern U.S. border. The caravan is a "gift" to Republicans, Trump believes. He's told confidants that it is the party's best closing argument heading into the midterms, according to a Republican close to the White House who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations. Trump believes the images of the caravan that have become a fixture on cable news networks — and particularly Fox News, the preferred network of his most loyal supporters — are riling up the same voters who turned out for him two years ago. He has further heated up his rhetoric by suggesting, without presenting evidence, that the Democrats are behind the caravan and claiming that Middle Easterners — an apparent allusion to terrorists — are also in the traveling mass of migrants. Vice President Mike Pence sought to bolster Trump's claims Tuesday, saying at a Washington Post event that it "is inconceivable that there are not people of Middle Eastern descent in a crowd of more than 7,000 people advancing toward our border." Trump later denied he was using the caravan to stoke electoral fear. "No, not at all," he said. "I'm a very non-political person, and that's why I got elected president." Trump's White House is reinforcing the president's dark view of life under Democratic leadership. □

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Records: Suspect in Utah university killing was sex offender

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST and BRADY McCOMBS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A University of Utah student and track athlete who was shot and killed on campus by a former boyfriend had filed a police complaint against him after she learned he was a sex offender and broke off the relationship, authorities said Tuesday.

Investigators had been working to build a case after receiving the report from 21-year-old Lauren McCluskey, a senior from Pullman, Washington, university police chief Dale Brophy said. He declined to disclose further details on the report.

The victim's mother, Jill McCluskey, said her daughter had filed a harassment complaint after breaking up with 37-year-old Melvin Rowland.

Lauren McCluskey had dated Rowland for about a month then ended the relationship on Oct. 9 when she learned he had lied about his age, name and criminal history, Jill McCluskey said in a statement.

Rowland had spent nearly a decade in prison after pleading guilty to trying to lure an underage girl online and attempted sex abuse charges, according to court records.

Rowland was charged with two separate crimes in September 2003, said then-prosecutor Paul Amann. He was caught in an online sex crimes sting when a police officer posed as a 13-year-old girl. After he was charged, a woman came forward to report he had sexually assaulted her after a separate online meeting. "He was just out of control. He had no self-control," Amann said Tuesday.

Rowland pleaded guilty to enticing a minor over the internet and attempted forcible sex abuse in an agreement with prosecutors, records show. His defense attorney did not immediately return a call

Tuesday seeking comment. Rowland was released from prison in 2012 after serving eight years and has twice been sent back from halfway houses after violating his parole, Utah prison spokeswoman Kaitlin Felsted said. He was most recently paroled in April and was living on his own.

Lauren McCluskey was found shot in a car Monday night near student housing. Rowland killed himself overnight at a church after police tracked him down, authorities said.

Initial reports of the shooting sparked panic on the Salt Lake City campus. University officials ordered students to stay in place for about three hours as they searched for the gunman.

"It was really scary to look out the window and see. I saw 15 to 20 police officers right where we're standing right now," student Tyler told the Deseret News. "I mean, you're in your home, but nowhere feels safe in



This Aug. 21, 2018 photo, provided by the University of Utah, shows Lauren McCluskey, a member of the University of Utah cross country and track and field team.

Associated Press

that moment."

Jill McCluskey said she and her daughter had been talking on the phone when she heard her yell, "No, no, no." A few minutes later, a woman picked up the phone and said all of Lauren McCluskey's belongings were on the ground.

"I thought she might have been in a car accident," Jill McCluskey said. "That was the last I heard from her."

Lauren McCluskey was majoring in communication and was excited to graduate next spring, said her mother, a professor at Washington State University, adding that her daughter

was a Washington state high jump champion in high school and loved to sing.

University President Ruth Watkins said classes were canceled Tuesday and a vigil would be held Wednesday night.

"As a campus community, we share grief over this tragic loss of life," Watkins said in a statement.

Athletics Director Mark Harlan said counselors and psychologists were available to support McCluskey's teammates, coaches and friends. He said she was a proud Ute and an outstanding student-athlete. □

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Sandra Day O'Connor announces likely Alzheimer's diagnosis

By JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman on the Supreme Court, announced Tuesday in a frank and personal letter that she has been diagnosed with "the beginning stages of dementia, probably Alzheimer's disease." The 88-year-old said doctors diagnosed her some time ago and that as her condition has progressed she is "no longer able to participate in public life." After her 2006 retirement from the high court O'Connor had appeared around the country championing an educational organization she founded and serving as a visiting appeals court judge, among other activities. But she stopped speaking publicly more than two years ago.

"While the final chapter of my life with dementia may be trying, nothing has diminished my gratitude and deep appreciation for the countless blessings in my life," she wrote. She added: "As a young cowgirl from the Arizona desert, I never could have imagined that one day I would become the first woman justice on the U.S. Supreme Court."

O'Connor's announcement of her diagnosis came a day after an Associated Press story in which her son Jay O'Connor said that his mother had begun to have challenges with her short term memory. The story noted that O'Connor had stopped making public appearances and recently turned over an office she had kept at the Supreme Court to newly retired Justice Anthony Kennedy. Jay



In this Sept. 17, 2014 file photo, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks during a lecture, in Concord, N.H.

Associated Press

O'Connor also said that hip issues have meant his mother now primarily uses a wheelchair and stays close to her home in Phoenix.

O'Connor wrote that since "many people have asked about my current status and activities" she wanted to be "open about these changes."

O'Connor was a state court judge before being nominated to the Supreme Court in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, who fulfilled a campaign promise by nominating a woman to the high court. O'Connor's letter Tuesday was reminiscent of Reagan's 1994 letter announcing that he had Alzheimer's disease. He died in 2004.

During her more than two decades on the court O'Connor was often the

deciding vote in important cases, providing the crucial fifth vote when the court divided 5-4. On the Supreme Court, her votes were key in cases about abortion, affirmative action and campaign finance as well as the Bush v. Gore decision effectively settling the 2000 election in George W. Bush's favor.

O'Connor grew up on a ranch on the border of Arizona and New Mexico called the "Lazy B" and went to Stanford for college and law school. Although she graduated third in her class from law school she had difficulty finding a job as a lawyer at a time when there were few women in the legal profession. Despite those early challenges, she became the first woman to lead the Ari-

zona state senate before becoming a judge.

O'Connor was 51 when she was confirmed 99-0 to the Supreme Court. She was 75 when she announced her retirement from the court in 2005. Her decision to step down was influenced by a decline in the health of her husband, John O'Connor III, who himself had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

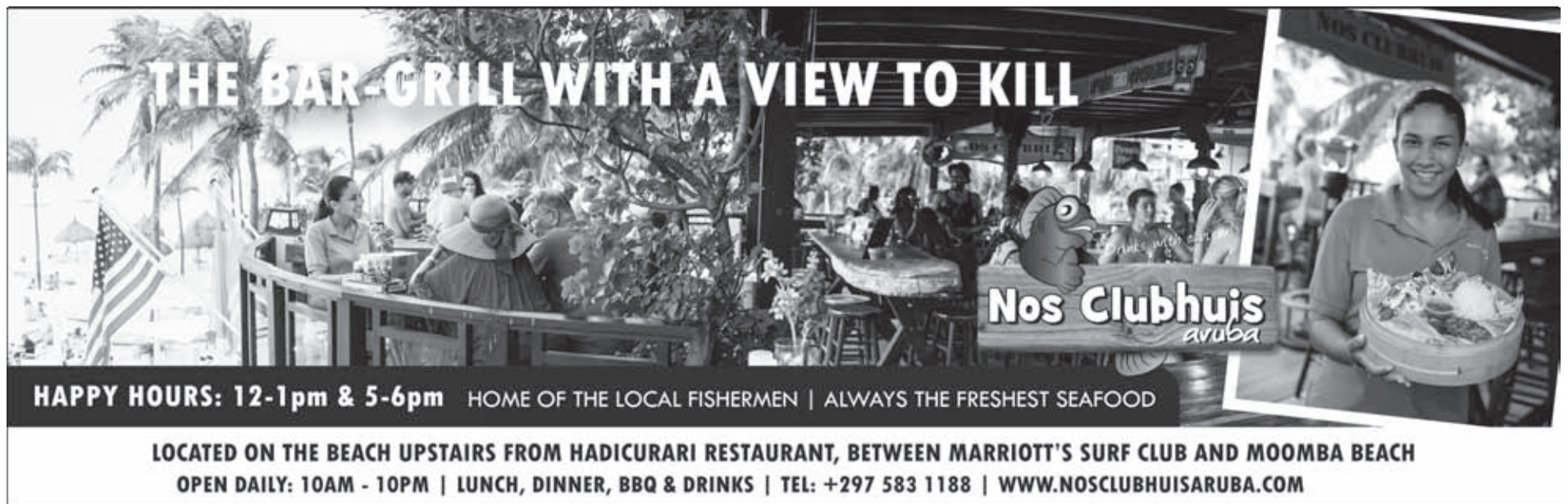
In 2007, O'Connor's family made public that John O'Connor had struck up a romance with a fellow Alzheimer's patient at the assisted living center where he had moved. Scott O'Connor, one of the justice's three sons, told a Phoenix television station that his mother was "thrilled" her husband was "relaxed and happy."

O'Connor's departure from the court and her replacement by Justice Samuel Alito moved the court to the right, and O'Connor wasn't always happy with the court's direction after she left.

Asked at a 2009 event how she felt about the court retreating from or undoing rulings she was instrumental in shaping, she responded: "What would you feel? I'd be a little bit disappointed. If you think you've been helpful, and then it's dismantled, you think, 'Oh, dear.' But life goes on. It's not always positive."

In retirement O'Connor was an enthusiastic advocate for iCivics, an organization she founded that promotes civic education in schools through free, educational online games. O'Connor wrote Tuesday that she felt strongly about working to advance civic learning and engagement "because I've seen first-hand how vital it is for all citizens to understand our Constitution and unique system of government, and participate actively in their communities."

"There is no more important work than deepening young people's engagement in our nation," she wrote. Chief Justice John Roberts said in a statement that he was "saddened to learn" that O'Connor "faces the challenge of dementia." "Although she has announced that she is withdrawing from public life, no illness or condition can take away the inspiration she provides for those who will follow the many paths she has blazed," Roberts wrote. □



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Bomb found at philanthropist George Soros' suburban home

By JIM MUSTIAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A bomb was found in a mailbox at the suburban New York home of George Soros, the liberal billionaire philanthropist who has been denounced by President Donald Trump and vilified by right-wing conspiracy theorists, authorities said Tuesday.

Federal agents safely detonated the device after being summoned Monday by a security officer at the sprawling, wooded compound, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Manhattan. It was not clear whether the 88-year-old Soros was home at the time. Laura Silber, a spokeswoman for Soros' Open Society Foundations, blamed the country's toxic political environment.

In recent days and weeks, Soros has been accused of being the hidden hand behind some of the opposition to Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination and helping to create the caravan of Central Americans making their way toward the U.S.

"The hateful rhetoric that dominates politics in the U.S. and in so many countries around the world breeds extremism and violence," Silber said in a statement. "In this climate of fear, falsehoods and rising authoritarianism, just voicing your views can draw death threats."

The FBI confirmed it was

involved in an investigation but declined to comment. The New York Police Department said that as a precaution, it was sending counterterrorism officers to all Soros-connected sites in the city.

Federal investigators were reviewing surveillance video to determine whether the package containing the bomb had been sent through the mail or delivered some other way, officials said. They said it was unclear if the parcel was addressed to Soros.

A federal law enforcement official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the investigation said the device contained explosive powder.

Another federal official who also spoke on condition of anonymity said it resembled a pipe bomb and was in a package placed in a mailbox outside the gates of the compound. A Soros employee opened it just inside the gates, nowhere near Soros' quarters, the official said.

Silber would not comment on Soros' whereabouts at the time.

Soros, a Hungarian immigrant to the U.S. who made his fortune in hedge funds, frequently donates to liberal causes and has pledged to invest a half-billion dollars to programs that help people who flee their home countries because of civil war, poverty or political op-



In this May 29, 2018, file photo, philanthropist George Soros, founder and chairman of the Open Society Foundations, attends the European Council On Foreign Relations Annual Meeting in Paris. Associated Press

pression.

"Soros is seen as the boogeyman on just about every right-wing conspiracy theory floating out there," said J.J. MacNab, a domestic extremism expert at George Washington University. "The sheer volume of chatter makes it probable that someone acted on key figures, mainstream figures, pointing the finger at him. Usually this stuff would just float around on the Internet, but in today's climate it's mainstream, where you have elected officials spouting conspiracy theories."

Soros has been a favorite target conservative com-

mentators, who have accused him of waging war against capitalism and having a secret agenda to destabilize the U.S. government.

As a child in Hungary during World War II, Soros had to hide his Jewish roots, but he is frequently falsely accused of collaborating with Nazis.

Soros has repeatedly denied such allegations.

Most recently, Republican Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida speculated on Twitter that Soros was paying Central American women and children to join the group of migrants headed toward the U.S., though he later back-

tracked, speculating that drug cartels were to blame. Trump himself tweeted the suggestion that "Soros and others" were behind the "rude elevator screamers" and activists with "professionally made identical signs" who protested in Washington during Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings.

Activists frequently post the addresses of Soros' homes on social media, sometimes along with threats. Silber said Soros is calling on politicians across the political spectrum to "tone down their rhetoric."

"Words have consequences," she said. □



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EU rejects Italy's budget, raising stakes in dispute

By **RAF CASERT**
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BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union set up a high-stakes battle with Italy, one of the bloc's biggest economies, over who has final control over a member state's budget after the executive Commission took the unprecedented step of ordering the country to revise its public spending plans.

In a move that escalates a monthlong standoff, the EU said the populist government's budget for next year is out of line and breaks earlier promises to lower public debt.

Italy's debt load is the second-highest in Europe, after Greece, and there are worries that losing control of spending could rekindle financial turmoil in Europe. The populist Italian government says the sharp increase in spending is needed to jumpstart growth after years of malaise.

"We see no alternative but to request the Italian government to revise its draft budgetary plan," EU Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis said.

Italian Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini was quick to warn the EU to keep its hands off. "No one will take one euro from this budget." The confrontation laid bare the fundamental problem within the eurozone where 19 EU nations share the same currency, yet governments maintain autonomy over spending priorities and the EU has been reluctant to enforce spending limits. Since the euro economy



Left to right: vice premier Luigi Di Maio, premier Giuseppe Conte and vice premier Matteo Salvini, pose as they arrive for a press conference at Chigi's Palace, in Rome, Saturday, Oct. 20 2018.

Associated Press

can be destabilized when one member state loses control of its finances, like Greece did a decade ago, the other nations want to have some say over excessive spending, especially when it concerns the region's third-biggest economy.

The EU Commission said it had no choice after Italy proposed a deficit of 2.4 percent of GDP for next year — three times more than what it had previously targeted. The higher deficit means Italy would not fulfill its promise to lower its debt, which is over 130 percent of GDP and more than twice the EU limit of 60 percent. Without a tough stance on the issue, the EU could see its credibility erode and markets could lose confidence in its ability to keep public spending in check.

The Commission wrote in its official opinion that "given the size of the Italian economy within the euro area, the choice of the government to increase the budget deficit ... creates risks of negative spill-overs for the other euro area member states."

EU Financial Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici highlighted how Italy's budget would hurt its own people by saddling the young with higher debt payments. The cost of servicing Italian public debt is already equal to the country's entire spending on education — 65 billion euros a year.

"Italy must continue its effort to lower its debt because it is the enemy of the economy," he said. The EU said it had already been lenient enough with Italy in recent years, giving

it 30 billion euros (\$34 billion) worth of wiggle room in its spending plans, as well as investment funds.

The EU's executive wants the Italian government to produce a new budget proposal within three weeks. Italy argues the spending increase is needed to get growth going and fulfil electoral promises. The extra money will be spent on restoring pensions to as many as 400,000 people whose retirement age had been pushed back and on a basic income for some job-seekers.

"We know that we are the last line of defense for social rights of Italians. And for this we won't let you down. We know that if we would give up, that the experts for the banks and austerity would return. So we will not give up," Deputy Premier Luigi Di

Maio wrote on Facebook. The hard-line stance of the two populist leaders, Di Maio and Salvini, to some degree defies a more conciliatory position by the country's economy minister, who signaled in his response to Brussels that Italy would be willing to change plans if it didn't achieve the desired results.

But both populist leaders also have something to gain with their voter base by leveraging a confrontation with the EU, which has been seen as the bogeyman requiring austerity cuts in recent years. European parliament elections loom in the spring and Di Maio and Salvini are jostling to gain influence before then. Markets were quick to punish Italy over the dispute, with the government's cost of borrowing on international bond markets rising and the Milan stock market falling 1 percent.

Italy's standoff with Brussels has had its first impact on corporate Italy, with credit rating's agency Moody's downgrading a slew of companies and banks just days after lowering Italy one notch to just one level above junk status.

Those hit include state-controlled Eni oil company, the Italian Post Office, defense contractor Leonardo and 12 banks.

Eni, which is 30-percent government-owned, said in a statement that the action was taken despite "favorable prospects for the company and the expectation of strong credit metrics." □

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Hungary's Orban says EU elections are decisive for migration

By PABLO GORONDI

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) —

Hungary's prime minister reasserted Tuesday that European Union leaders deliberately failed to stop mass migration to the continent and want to create a "European empire" to subjugate individual nations. Prime Minister Viktor Orban, speaking during commemorations of a short-lived 1956 anti-Soviet revolution, called on voters to reject globalism and support "the culture of patriotism" in next year's European Parliament elections.

"The European Parliament elections in May will decide in which direction Europe's wagon will turn," Orban told a large crowd outside



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban delivers his address on the national holiday marking the 62nd anniversary of the outbreak of the Hungarian revolution and war of independence against the Soviet Union in 1956, at the House of Terror in Budapest, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

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the House of Terror Museum. "We should reject the ideology of globalism and support instead the culture

of patriotism."

Orban also claimed that if immigration continues, "autochthonous Europeans"

would become a minority and "terror will become part of life in large cities."

"Those who want to knead a European empire out of the European Union are all, without exception, pro-immigration," he said. "They deliberately failed to use their huge military and police might, they deliberately failed to defend Europe from the masses of migrants."

Since 2015, Orban has made increasingly strict anti-immigration policies his principal political focus, which helped his Fidesz party in April win a third consecutive two-thirds majority in parliament.

Opposition parties, at their own commemorative

event Tuesday, called on Hungary to join the European Public Prosecutor's Office to better fight state corruption.

"The current Hungarian government is not sustained by an armed power with limitless replacements or by the endless line of Russian tanks," said Akos Hadrassy, an independent opposition lawmaker. "It is sustained by a practically unimaginable amount of money, the European Union funds which can be stolen without limits."

Hungary and Poland are among the few EU members who reject joining the EU prosecutor's office, calling it a matter of national sovereignty. □

Israeli marks 70th anniversary of 1st diplomatic outpost

By VANESSA GERA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Israel marked the 70th anniversary of its first diplomatic mission as a new nation Tuesday with a re-enactment in the city that hosted the outpost — Warsaw, Poland.

Israeli Ambassador Anna Azari, flanked by other diplomats, hung the Israeli flag from a balcony of the historic Bristol Hotel in central Warsaw.

Just as in 1948, a small crowd on the street below applauded and sang the Israeli national anthem.

Israel chose the Bristol as the seat for its mission because the hotel was one of the few buildings that had not been destroyed by

Germany during World War II. The Israeli Embassy in Poland is in a leafy residential neighborhood.

The modern state of Israel was created in 1948, and many of its early leaders and settlers were Jews from Poland — the heartland of European Jewry before the war.

During the ceremony, embassy officials showed a brief video of the 1948 ceremony establishing the mission.

One key difference: while all the diplomats then were men, the ambassador and many other Israeli diplomats in Warsaw today are women.

Holocaust survivor Marian Kalwary attended Tuesday's reenactment of an

event he witnessed as an 18-year-old at his mother's urging.

The Star of David on the Israeli flag he saw raised with pride that day was the same symbol that Warsaw's Jews were forced to wear a few years earlier while confined to a ghetto a few blocks away and sent to death camps by Nazi German forces.

Kalwary said his mother was very moved by the ceremony recognizing Israel's place on the world stage, describing it as a moment he could never forget.

The anniversary re-enactment follows efforts by Poland and Israel to repair their typically strong ties after a Polish law that sought to regulate what could be



Israeli Ambassador Anna Azari holds the Israeli flag from a balcony of the historic Bristol Hotel in Warsaw, Poland, during a ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

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said publicly about the Holocaust caused tension early this year. A presidential

adviser read out a letter of greeting from President Andrzej Duda on Tuesday. □

Human Rights Watch: Palestinians crush dissent with torture

By **MOHAMMED DARAGH-MEH**

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— Security forces of the rival Palestinian governments routinely use torture and arbitrary arrests, among other tactics, to quash dissent by peaceful activists and political opponents, Human Rights Watch said Tuesday. The charges came in a new report released by the New York-based watchdog, following a two-year investigation that included interviews with nearly 150 people, many of them ex-detainees. It accused both the Western-backed Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and the Islamic militant Hamas in Gaza of using "machineries of repression" to stifle criticism.

Human Rights Watch also said the systematic use of torture could amount to a crime against humanity under the United Nations' Convention against Torture, and called on countries that provide funding to Palestinian law enforcement to suspend their assistance.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' government joined the convention after Palestine was accepted as a nonmember state at the U.N.

"Palestinian authorities have gained only limited power in the West Bank and Gaza, but yet, where they have autonomy, they have developed parallel police states," said Tom Porteous, deputy program director at Human Rights Watch. "Calls by Palestinian officials to safeguard Palestinian rights ring hollow as they crush dissent."

According to HRW, the Palestinian leaderships in the West Bank and Gaza engage in similar tactics, in most cases without holding anyone to account.

Among the alleged abuses: whipping people's feet, forcing detainees into painful stress positions, hoisting up people's arms behind their backs with rope and coercing suspects into granting access to their mobile phones and social media accounts.

The group's director for Is-



In this Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 photo, Taghreed Abu Teer, recalls being held by Hamas authorities for 11 days and interrogated under "humiliating circumstances" for her activities with the rival Fatah movement during an interview in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

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rael and the Palestinian territories, Omar Shakir, told a news conference that the Palestinian Authority detained 220 Palestinians without charge or trial for their social media posts, including 65 university students and two journalists. He claimed Hamas authorities in Gaza have detained over 45 people for their social media activity.

"These numbers do not speak to the scale which both authorities have gone to in order to shut down dissent," Shakir said.

Both Hamas and the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority denied the accusations.

The two Palestinian factions split in 2007 after Hamas violently seized the Gaza Strip from forces loyal to Abbas. For more than a decade, Hamas has maintained an iron grip on power and suppressed any signs of public dissent, including street protests and on social media.

Despite having Western backing, Abbas has also silenced dissent in the areas of the West Bank he administers under past agreements with Israel. Last year, he clamped down on social media and news websites with a vaguely worded decree that critics say allows his government to jail anyone on charges

of harming "national unity" or the "social fabric."

Abbas' security forces also work closely with Israel to keep Hamas in check in the West Bank. Critics accuse Israel of holding Palestinian detainees without charge for extended periods and also of torture.

Mohammed Khatib, a 20-year-old law student and activist with Hamas' student branch in the West Bank, told The Associated Press he was arrested last month and held for 19 days at an intelligence center in Ramallah. He said he was forced to stand for hours at a time and hung by his handcuffed hands to a door for 15 minutes, a stress position meant to cause pain but leave no sign of injury.

"This is not only a violation of human rights, it is a violation of human dignity, a violation of basic morals," he said, adding that he believed the aim was to intimidate him.

HRW's report also highlights other tactics used to silence Palestinian dissent and punish activists, among them the seizing of phones, leaving investigations and charges open, and coercing detainees to promise to stop any further criticism.

In Gaza, Taghreed Abu

Teer, a 47-year-old journalist, told the AP that she was held by Hamas authorities for 11 days and interrogated under "humiliating circumstances" for her activities with the rival Fatah movement.

She said she was kept in a dark cell for days at a time and forced to stand for lengthy periods. Although she was not physically beaten, she said she could hear the screams of men being tortured nearby, and that at one point, a man with a whip threatened to beat her as well. More than a year and a half later, she still cries when she recalls the "unforgettable experience."

"As long as I was in the cell, I was wondering what had caused me to end up here," she said. She spoke at a relative's home so her six children would not hear about the ordeal.

Abu Teer said interrogators threatened to charge her with collaboration with Israel, widely feared as a stigma, and that most of the questions focused on a three-day trip she made to the West Bank, where she met senior Fatah officials and briefed them about the situation in Gaza. She said interrogators accused her of inciting the Palestinian Authority to make finan-

cial cuts and other punitive measures against Gaza, a tactic meant to squeeze Hamas.

She denied all the allegations, saying she had only led protests and lobbied for ending the Hamas-Fatah split.

While she was never charged, Hamas officers advised her "to be quiet" and focus on her home and family, "which I considered a veiled threat rather than advice," she added.

Human Rights Watch also said it has encouraged the International Criminal Court to open an investigation into both Israeli and Palestinian conduct in the Palestinian territories. It called on both Palestinian governments to pledge to stop carrying out arbitrary arrests, end torture and hold credible investigations into allegations of misconduct.

In a rare step, the report also called on countries that provide security assistance to withhold aid until concrete steps are taken to end the practices.

Among the aid is millions of dollars for the West Bank security forces from the U.S., which has continued its support even after slashing hundreds of millions of dollars in other assistance to the Palestinians. The report said Hamas receives assistance from Iran, Qatar and Turkey.

Adnan Damiri, spokesman for the Palestinian security forces in the West Bank, denied any allegation of systematic torture and said authorities investigate claims and punish perpetrators.

"These testimonies are not accurate. They are testimonies of political activists who belong to political parties with political agendas, and of course they will put any blame they can on the Palestinian Authority," he told the AP.

In Gaza, Hamas denied arresting critics or opponents on political grounds. Faraj al-Ghoul, a Hamas lawmaker, said the report was "unfair," and that Human Rights Watch was welcome to inspect the group's prisons. □

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SKorea approves NKorea deals amid conservative opposition

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

South Korea's liberal president on Tuesday formally confirmed his recent reconciliation deals with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, triggering immediate backlash from conservatives who called him "self-righteous" and "subservient" to the North.

Some experts say President Moon Jae-in's move is largely symbolic, but others say it shows his determination to carry out the September deals despite growing skepticism about whether his engagement policy will eventually lead to North Korea's nuclear disarmament.

Moon "ratified" the deals on Tuesday afternoon, hours after his Cabinet approved them during a regular meeting, his office said in a statement.

The back-to-back endorsements came with no prior parliamentary endorsement. In South Korea, a president is allowed by law to ratify some agreements with North Korea without consents from lawmakers.



South Korean President Moon Jae-in speaks during a cabinet meeting at the presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

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At the start of the Cabinet meeting, Moon said in televised remarks that the ratification would help further improve ties with North Korea and accelerate global efforts to achieve the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

The main conservative opposition Liberty Korea Party criticized Moon's action, saying the deals would only undermine national security and waste taxpayers' money.

"We deplore the fact that the Moon Jae-in govern-

ment is weighted toward its subservient North Korea policy and is consistently being self-righteous and lacking communication" with parliament, said party spokesman Yoon Young-seok.

Moon, who took office last year, has said that greater reconciliation with North Korea would help resolve the international standoff over the North's nuclear ambitions. Moon has met with Kim three times this year, and he shuttled between Pyongyang and Washing-

ton to help arrange a series of high-level talks between the countries, including a June summit between Kim and President Donald Trump in Singapore.

Since entering nuclear talks earlier this year, Kim has taken some steps like dismantling his nuclear testing site and releasing American detainees. The United States responded by suspending some of its annual military drills with South Korea but is reluctant to provide the North with major political or economic rewards unless the country takes significant disarmament steps.

Moon's September deals with Kim were largely associated with the broader agreements struck during their first summit in April. Under the latest deals, the two Koreas are to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on a project to reconnect cross-border railways and roads and push to resume stalled economic cooperation projects. The two sides also agreed to disarm their shared border village, establish buffer zones along the border and withdraw

some of their front-line guard posts.

Moon has previously pushed to get parliamentary approval on the April agreements. But conservative lawmakers objected, saying the deals, which had Kim's vague commitment to denuclearization, would only help the North buy time and perfect weapons systems in the face of international sanctions.

Tuesday's ratification follows a contentious ruling by Moon's ministry of government legislation that allowed him to skip parliamentary endorsement on the North Korea accords before ratifying them.

According to the ministry, Moon can unilaterally ratify the deals because they are largely meant to implement the earlier April accords that it says are in the process of getting parliamentary approval. It also cited a law clause that a president can ratify deals with North Korea without lawmakers' approval if they don't cause unspecified "significant" financial burdens to the public or require related legislation. □



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Puerto Ricans fight for insurance money a year after Maria

DORADO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Thousands of Puerto Ricans have been forced to drain their savings, close their businesses, or resign themselves to living with structural damage as they fight insurance companies over millions of dollars' worth of claims that have gone unanswered or unpaid more than a year after Hurricane Maria.

Experts say the Category 4 storm caught insurance companies off-guard and left them reeling financially after they were hit with nearly 279,000 claims, a number that one expert called "extraordinary." One major insurer has already folded, leaving more than 1,500 claims worth a total of \$70 million up in the air. Many worry other companies might follow.

"The industry has never faced such an astronomical number of claims," said Iraelia Pernas, executive director of Puerto Rico's Association of Insurance Companies. "No one was prepared for that, not the federal government, not the insurance companies, no one."

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner of Puerto Rico has already issued fines totaling more than \$2.4 million against at least seven companies for delays in resolution and payment of claims. All companies in the U.S. territory had bought reinsurance, but it was insufficient for some.

Commissioner Javier Rivera said it's too early to say what will happen with Real Legacy, the company that folded. But he believes the other company that exceeded its reinsurance limits, Triple-S, has enough capital to avoid a similar fate.

"There will definitely always be a risk that some claims might not be addressed," he said. "But we will do everything that is possible."

Michael Barry, with the New York-based nonprofit Insurance Information Institute, said that exceeding reinsurance limits is highly unusual: "It tells me that was an extraordinary event that even in the companies'



In this Sept. 26, 2017 file photo, Nestor Serrano walks on the upstairs floor of his home, where the walls were blown off, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

Associated Press

worst case scenario, Hurricane Maria was difficult for them to envision."

Two insurance companies in Puerto Rico are also under review with negative implications, said Brian O'Larte, director of the property and casualty ratings division for A.M. Best, an insurance rating firm.

Hurricane Maria was the strongest storm to hit Puerto Rico in nearly a century, and it did so amid a 12-year recession, causing more than \$100 billion in estimated damage, destroying the power grid and forcing businesses to remain closed for months. Overall, Maria was the most expensive catastrophe for the insurance industry last year, with losses amounting to \$32 billion, higher than hurricanes Irma and Harvey, according to a report from Swiss Re, a reinsurance company based in Switzerland.

Insurance companies in Puerto Rico have paid a total of \$4.4 billion in claims, but more than 13,600 claims have not been closed, according to a report from Puerto Rico's government. The report shows that 65 percent of overall claims were closed with payment and 30 percent without payment.

The commissioner's office recently launched an audit into all companies, and Rivera said he is looking at some more closely than others, although he declined to name them. His office has received some 1,600 complaints, which is nearly three times the number it reports receiving in a normal year.

Pernas, of the insurance association, said that it took insurance companies two years to pay a total of \$1.2 billion in claims following Hurricane Georges, a Category 3 hurricane that hit in 1998. She also said the pending claims from Maria are complicated and involve mostly businesses, municipalities, government agencies and condominiums.

"They have to be reviewed with great care because they're big," she said.

According to Barry, the number of pending claims is normal for a disaster of such size, but lawsuits are already being filed.

"We're talking about businesses that have disappeared," said attorney Lee Sepulvado, who has filed a class-action lawsuit. "This obviously impacts people's lives."

Edwin Rosario is among

those who were forced to close a business: He shuttered a restaurant in the northern coastal town of Dorado that he opened four years ago. The 48-year-old reported damages exceeding half a million dollars, but has received only \$93,000 from the insurance company and has used up all his savings, sold his home and transferred his daughter to a more affordable school.

By December, he expects to decide whether he will leave Puerto Rico and join the estimated 155,000 people who fled to the U.S. mainland after the hurricane.

"It's been an incredibly frustrating process," Rosario said as he recalled the moment he entered his restaurant and saw the damage. "That day was one of the few times where I sat down and didn't stop crying."

Last month, the administration of Gov. Ricardo Rossello sued various insurance companies after officials said they did not respond quickly enough to claims filed after Hurricane Maria. They said the lawsuits aim to prevent companies from dropping claims because they have allegedly expired. The lawsuits also seek

\$2.6 billion in damages for those who have not been compensated.

"What is happening in Puerto Rico is very, very serious," said attorney Francisco Amundaray, who is representing several clients pursuing a response from insurance companies. "The companies, since they were not prepared for an event of this kind, are refusing to pay claims that are of absolute merit."

Among those still waiting for a full payment is Lilliana Sanchez, who owns a pharmacy in the southern coastal town of Salinas. Her husband lost part of his hand trying to fix a broken generator, which is insured for \$30,000.

Sanchez reported \$50,000 in total losses after Maria, and she has since been forced to refinance her house, cancel her daughter's university housing, cut her staff at the pharmacy by half and reduce operating hours. She has called the insurance company several times about her claim to no avail.

"They only tell me that it's being processed," she said. By law, insurance companies in Puerto Rico have 90 days to resolve a claim. Sanchez said she filed her first claim 10 days after Hurricane Maria hit on Sept. 20. Pernas said companies are making changes to their contingency plans and expect to fly in claims adjusters ahead of any major storms in the future.

For now, the northern coastal town of Loiza is among the municipalities affected by the delay. Nine basketball courts were destroyed, including one whose collapsed roof remains on the ground. A tarp, which is replaced every three months, still covers part of Loiza's city hall, and the city council now meets in a rented home. Mayor Julia Nazario said Maria caused more than \$14 million in damage but Real Legacy has only awarded half a million dollars of a \$9 million claim.

"None of our facilities have been repaired," she said. "We don't have the money." □

LOCAL



SAN NICOLAAS — Experience San Nicolas will take place in the city center of San Nicolas. On Saturday 27th October 2018 come and enjoy what this great City has to offer. Starting from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM you can join different workshops taking place, visit the museum, savor local food and dance to live music & live performances.

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If you wish to learn more about local history and

the arts the local way, you can join the San Nicolas City Art Walk. This tour highlights the Sunrise City by visiting both museums, the murals, Cosecha Store with a final stop at the Sani market. The tour is provided by a guided professional. The starting time is 10:30 am. Start point is Museum of Industry situated in the iconic Water Tower. Your reservation is required: infomuseumofindustry@gmail.com / 5847090. Hotels pick up and drop off is available. Hop on the CHOGOGO bus from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Reservation is required: info@chogogoaruba.com / 592.4955

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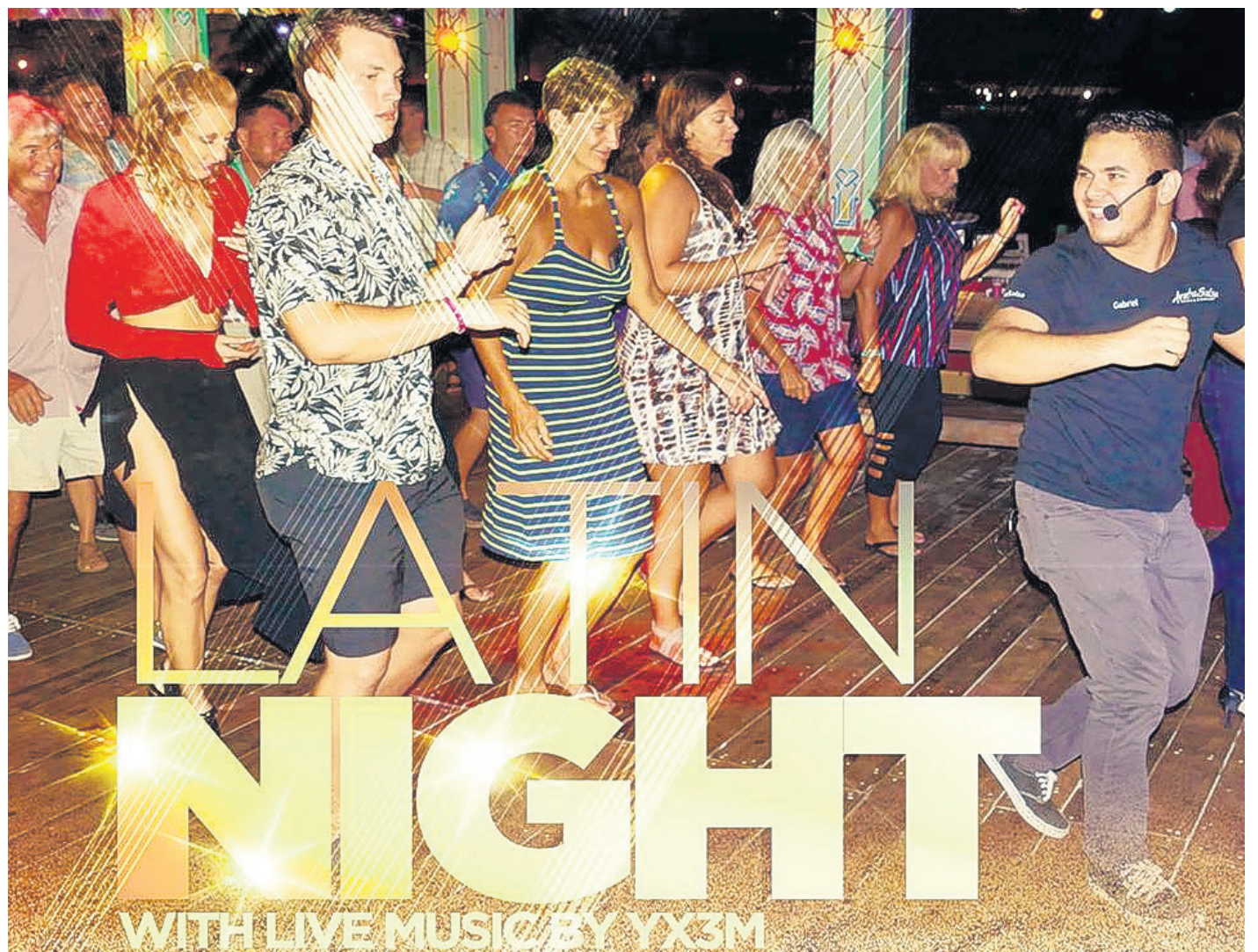
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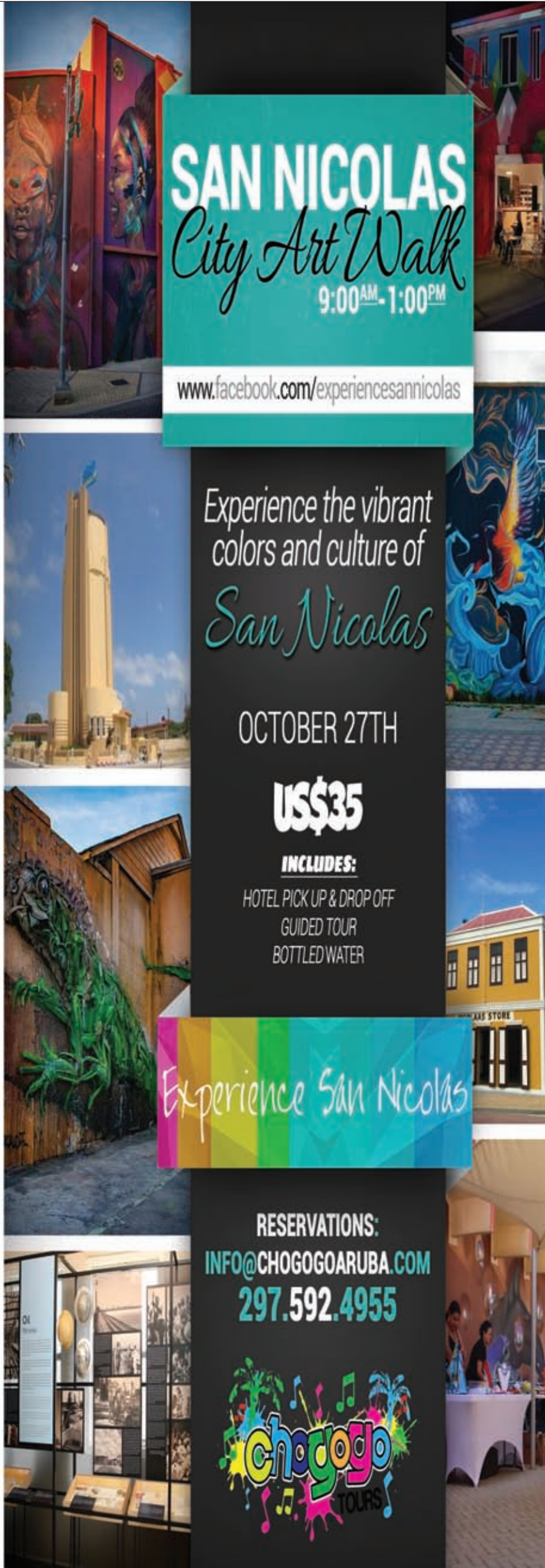
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- From 7:30 PM till 11 PM
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Thursday 25

The Down Town Dixie Society

- The Down Town Dixie Society is a jazz collective from the Netherlands who have been performing all over the world. They are now on tour in South America and have stopped by in Aruba. They will be performing live on stage here.
- Starting at 8 PM
- Café de Plaza, Renaissance Market
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Esport betting platform gets license for video game gambling

By JAKE SEINER
AP Sports Writer

Video gamers in the United States and elsewhere will soon be able to bet on themselves.

The live-betting esports platform Unikrn had its wagering license approved by the Isle of Man on Tuesday, clearing the way for users to legally gamble on competitive video games.

"There is finally a legitimate, regulated operator in the space that has a pretty comprehensive offering," Unikrn CEO Rahul Sood told The Associated Press. "It's huge."

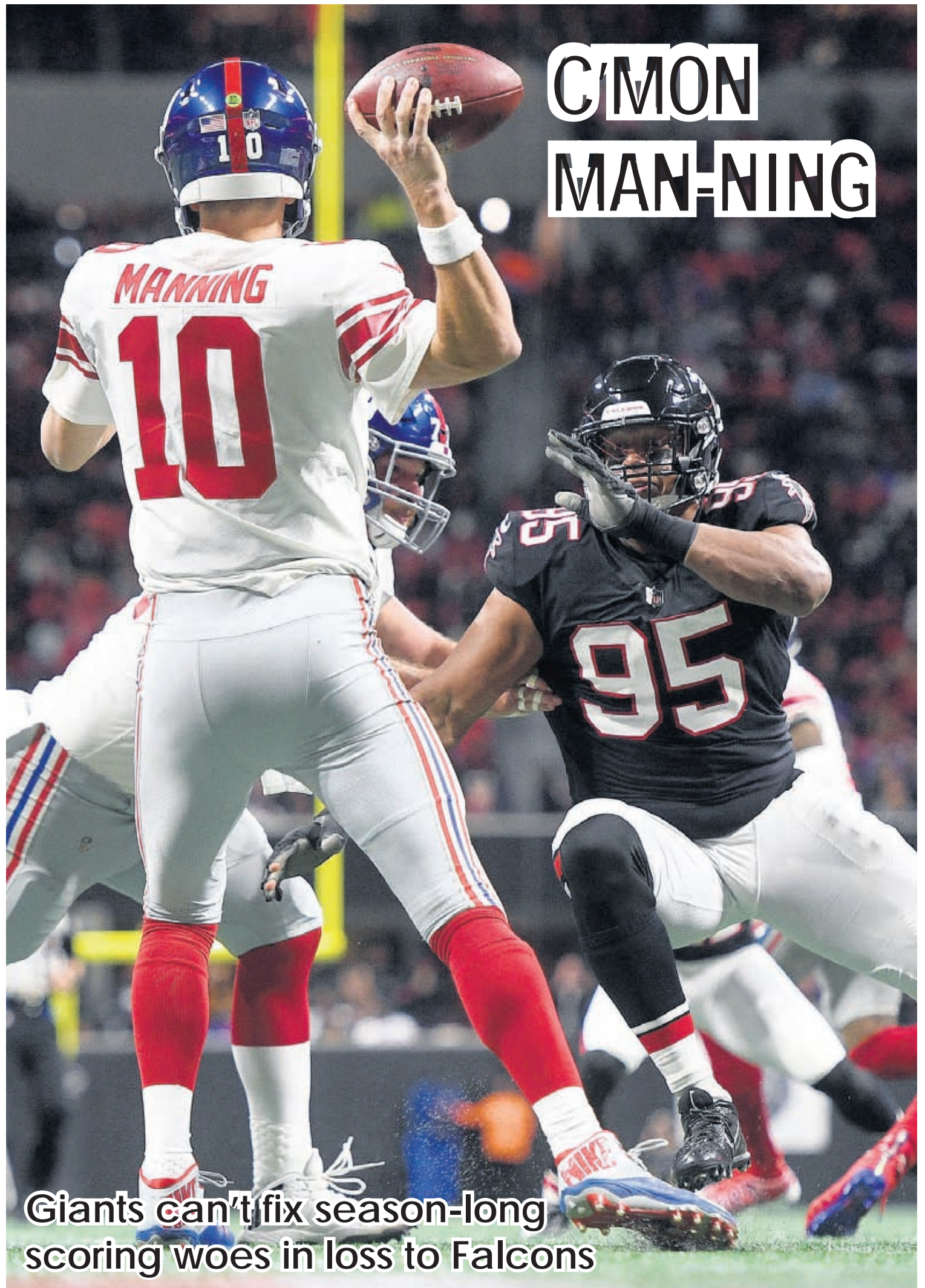
Unikrn immediately began rolling out to 20 countries a variety of online products, and will soon bring esports wagering to most of Europe, South Korea and other Asian countries, and parts of Latin America. Certain types of esports betting will also be available in the U.S.

Unikrn had previously only been licensed to provide real-money betting on esports in the U.K. and Australia.

In countries with legalized sports betting, Unikrn users will be able to make odds bets on major esports competitions, like the upcoming League of Legends World Championship on Nov. 3. Unlike traditional sports books, the esports platform will also offer skill-based bets.

Essentially, gamers can bet on their own abilities in games like Fortnite, PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds and League of Legends.

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Giants can't fix season-long scoring woes in loss to Falcons

Atlanta Falcons defensive end Jack Crawford (95) pressures New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, in Atlanta.

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Rantanen scored twice, leads Avalanche past Flyers 4-1

By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mikko Rantanen had two goals, Matt Nieto and Gabriel Landeskog also scored, and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-1 on Monday night.

The Avalanche continued their early-season hot streak and finished 3-0-1 on their four-game road trip. Landeskog had a hat trick on the trip against New Jersey and clinched this one with his eighth goal of the season early in the third period. Semyon Varlamov was solid in net and stopped 37 shots.

The Flyers suffered their third home loss of the season. Rantanen needed only 3:23 to beat Brian Elliott for his third goal of the season and the quick lead. Nathan MacKinnon set up Rantanen for the power-play score, and they became the first players in franchise history with concurrent nine-game point streaks to start the season.

Nolan Patrick scored a third-period goal for the Flyers. Brian Elliott finished with 29 saves.

HURRICANES 3, RED WINGS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Michael Ferland scored in his fourth straight game and Sebastian Aho had an assist and set a franchise record for points in consecutive games to start a season as Carolina snapped a three-game losing streak.

Defenseman Justin Faulk also scored, and Jordan Martinook added an empty-net goal for the Hurricanes.

Petr Mrazek, who was drafted by Detroit in 2010 and played a number of seasons with the Red Wings, made 20 saves.

Sebastian assisted on Ferland's second-period goal. The assist stretched his season-opening points streak to nine games (four goals and 10 assists), surpassing the franchise record of eight by Victor Rask (2016-17).

Andreas Athanasiou scored for Detroit.

JETS 5, BLUES 4, OT

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Bryan Little tied it late in the third period and Jacob Trouba scored in overtime to help Winnipeg overcome a two-goal deficit.

Trouba took a pass from Kyle Connor and shot into an open side of the net behind goalie Jake Allen. It was Trouba's first goal of the season.

Mark Scheifele scored twice and Ben Chiarot added a goal Winnipeg.

Ryan O'Reilly had a goal and two assists for St. Louis, and David Perron, Vince Dunn and Colton Parayko also scored.

Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves for Winnipeg (6-2-1), which has points in five straight games (4-0-1).

Allen stopped 31 shots for the Blues (2-3-3), who finished a three-game trip (1-1-1) through Canada.

CAPITALS 5, CANUCKS 2

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Alex Ovechkin



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Brian Elliott lies on his stomach after the goal by Colorado Avalanche's Mikko Rantanen during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, in Philadelphia. At right is Flyers' Christian Folin.

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had two goals and two assists to lift Washington over Vancouver.

The defending Stanley Cup champions also got goals from John Carlson, Evgeny Kuznetsov and T.J. Oshie.

Troy Stecher and Sven Baertschi scored for the Canucks.

Braden Holtby stopped 22 shots for Washington, while Vancouver's Anders Nilsson turned away 28. □

Charles Wang, former New York Islanders owner, dies at 74

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. (AP) — Charles Wang, a technology company founder and former owner of the New York Islanders hockey team, died Sunday. He was 74.

Wang died of lung cancer in Oyster Bay, New York, his attorney, John McEntee, said in an emailed statement.

Wang "was an entrepreneur, visionary, author, and philanthropist but will be remembered most affectionately by those who knew him for his love of life, family, and friends," McEntee said.

He bought the Islanders in 2000 along with Sanjay Kumar, then the president of Computer Associates International, which Wang founded in 1976. He later bought out Kumar's stake in 2004. Kumar pleaded guilty

in an accounting fraud scandal at the company in 2006 and served a prison term.

At the time of the Islanders purchase, Wang told The New York Times, "We want to make the New York Islanders the world-class sports franchise that our community deserves, wants and needs."

Wang had attended only one hockey game before buying the team for almost \$190 million, McEntee said. But in 2009, he told Newsday he regretted buying the money-losing team, saying, "If I had the chance, I wouldn't do it again."

Wang announced in 2014 that he was selling the team to a group of investors, and it took effect in 2016. Since then, he had been a minority co-owner. □

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Ryan throws for 379 yards, Falcons beat Giants 23-20

By PAUL NEWBERRY

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan is putting up MVP-like numbers, even on a team that hasn't lived up to expectations.

Matty Ice turned in another brilliant performance in prime time Monday, throwing for 379 yards and completing his final 18 passes to lead the Atlanta Falcons to their second straight victory, 23-20 over the struggling New York Giants.

"Whatever it takes to win," Ryan said. "That's the mindset we have every week."

Ryan threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Hall, Tevin Coleman broke loose on a 30-yard scoring run and the Falcons added another chapter to New York's miserable season, sending the Giants (1-6) to their fourth straight loss.

"I don't feel like we're a 1-6 team," Odell Beckham Jr. said. "That's what our record is, but that's not the feeling in the locker room." Ryan was the league's MVP in 2016 when he led Atlanta to the Super Bowl. While these Falcons (3-4) haven't played to that level, their quarterback is putting up numbers that measure up to what he did two years ago: a 71.1 percent completion rate, 2,335 yards passing, 15 touchdowns and just two interceptions. Ryan is only focused on the team's performance.

"To inch our way closer to .500 is a positive for us," he said.

It was also a big night for Giorgio Tavecchio, who was signed during the week to fill in for injured Atlanta kicker Matt Bryant. The native of Milan, Italy, made all three of his field goal attempts, including a 56-yarder that was the longest of his career and helped seal the victory.



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan (2) works in the pocket before he is sacked against the New York Giants during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, in Atlanta.

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"That kick was good from about 65 yards," Ryan said. "He did a great job for us coming in on short notice." Facing one of the NFL's worst defenses, New York botched its best scoring chance by going for a touchdown on fourth-and-goal from the 1 early in the third quarter. To the surprise of no one who has seen the Giants stumble through the season, Eli Manning's pass for tight end Scott Simonson fell harmlessly to the turf.

Manning was sacked four times but still managed to complete 27 of 38 for 399 yards. Beckham hauled in eight passes for 143 yards, pushing him past 5,000 yards in his career, and Sterling Shepard finished with 167 yards on five receptions.

Both teams got off to sluggish starts offensively. The Falcons failed to cross mid-field on their first three pos-

sessions, and the Giants weren't much better. Then, suddenly, Atlanta struck for two big plays to grab the lead. Ryan went down the left sideline to tight end Austin Hooper for a 36-yard gain, pushing the Falcons into New York territory for the first time. Then Ryan spotted Hall breaking free down the middle of the field, hitting him perfectly in stride for the touchdown. Coleman's touchdown with 7½ minutes remaining gave the Falcons some breathing room, but the Giants finally showed some life offensively.

Manning completed five passes for 61 yards before Saquon Barkley powered over from the 2 with 4:47 remaining for New York's first TD of the game. Embattled coach Pat Shurmur decided to go for 2, looking to put his team in position to win with another score, but Beckham couldn't hang on

to Manning's pass.

The Falcons drove into position for Tavecchio's final field goal, extending the lead to 23-12.

The Giants did manage a touchdown with 5 seconds remaining as Manning hooked up with Beckham on a 1-yard scoring play, but only after the quarterback was stuffed on two straight attempts to run it over, burning off most of the scant time on the clock. **BARKLEY STYMIED**

The Falcons were the first team to hold Barkley to less than 100 yards rushing and receiving in a game.

The rookie running back was limited to 43 yards on 14 carries, to go along with nine catches for 51 yards. It was Barkley's second-lowest rushing output of the season, eclipsed only by a 28-yard effort against Dallas in Week 2.

Barkley was coming off his best game of the season,

totaling 229 yards (130 rushing, 99 receiving) in a loss to Philadelphia.

TAVECCHIO STEPS UP

Bryant is one of the NFL's most accurate kickers, but Tavecchio sure made a good impression in his return to the NFL.

His 56-yard kick was the longest by a player in his first game with a new team in the last 40 seasons, according to NFL Research. He also connected from 40 and 50 yards.

Tavecchio kicked last season for the Oakland Raiders, but he was without a job until Bryant injured his right hamstring making a long kick in Atlanta's victory over Tampa Bay.

That prompted the Falcons to bring back Tavecchio, who got a brief look from the team at the end of the preseason.

Even though Bryant will surely reclaim his job as soon as he's healthy, Tavecchio set himself up to draw attention from other teams when he goes on the open market again.

INJURY REPORT

The Falcons lost another guard when Brandon Fusco went down late in the first half with a right ankle injury. Fusco had to be helped off the field by a pair of trainers, and he was quickly taken to the locker room on a cart.

Atlanta had already lost another starting guard, Andy Levitre, to a season-ending injury.

Ben Garland took Fusco's spot on the line.

UP NEXT

Giants: New York returns home next Sunday to face NFC East-leading Washington (4-2).

Falcons: Atlanta also plays Washington in its next game — but not until Nov. 4 after a bye week. □



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In this March 31, 2017, file photo, video game players compete against one another in an esports tournament at Caesars casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

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Once they have verified their age and location, users can link their game to the Unikrn platform, and then Unikrn will generate odds for the player based on his or her profile within the game. Players can place a bet on the Unikrn website into a mutual pool, play their next match, then come back to the site to claim their winnings or make another wager.

In America, skill-based betting will go live in 41 states as part of Unikrn's product rollout, although a date for the U.S. unveiling hasn't been made public. Esports spectator betting will not yet be available in the U.S.

Unikrn is still trying to establish esports odds betting in America. A path was paved this summer when the Supreme Court struck down a 1992 federal law that banned sports betting in most states, but the industry remains fragmented. Sood is hopeful that if a national governing sports betting body is formed, it will provide a path for esports betting in American casinos. Unikrn does have a venue at the

MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, where users can wager on themselves in video game tournaments, similar to poker. Unikrn plans to open similar venues at casinos elsewhere. Sood believes that if the U.S. market is developed, esports betting could be a \$9 billion industry by 2020.

Unikrn was launched in 2014, and its investors include Mark Cuban, Elisabeth Murdoch and Ashton Kutcher. It is the first wagering company in the world — esports or otherwise — built entirely on Blockchain and claims to support 9,000 transactions per second. Blockchain is touted as a secure, decentralized ledger of transactions spread across a global network of computers that use their processing power to verify any changes.

A class-action lawsuit was brought against the Seattle-based company in August alleging it sold unregistered securities to the public when it held an initial coin offering for its UnikoinGold tokens. Sood told The Associated Press the lawsuit is "very frivolous" and claimed there is "no merit to it." □



In this Aug. 2, 2018, file photo, New York Giants cornerback Eli Apple works out during NFL football training camp in East Rutherford, N.J. The Giants traded Apple to the New Orleans Saints on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

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Giants trade cornerback Eli Apple to New Orleans Saints

By **TOM CANAVAN** and **BRETT MARTEL**

The New York Giants have sent "the other Eli" to the New Orleans Saints.

Not Eli Manning. Eli Apple.

The Giants on Tuesday traded the cornerback who was the 10th pick overall in the 2016 draft to the Saints for a fourth-round pick in 2019 and a seventh-round pick in 2020.

Like all trades, it will not be official until Apple passes a physical.

The move marks the second time in a week the Giants (1-6) have parted ways with a recent first-round draft pick. Last week, they waived tackle Ereck Flowers, their 2015 top pick. He was signed by Jacksonville.

It also could be a sign the Giants, who were 3-13 last season, might deal more assets with the NFL trading deadline set for 4 p.m. on

Oct. 30.

Coach Pat Shurmur said the Giants are constantly evaluating their roster, and he felt they got good value for Apple.

"I think if you remember back, Eli was out with an injury when we beat Houston and B.W. Webb played in his spot against two fine receivers," Shurmur said late Tuesday afternoon. "So we're not throwing in the towel."

Shurmur is convinced Manning, who has been under the microscope, will be his quarterback when the trading deadline is over.

Apple has 23 tackles and a forced fumble. He also recovered a fumble in the Giants' 23-20 loss to the Falcons in Atlanta on Monday night. The Saints have struggled on pass defense all season. They are 5-1 and in first place in the NFC South in large part because of

the play of Drew Brees and the offense.

New Orleans will face the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday night in a matchup of first-place teams.

This was somewhat of a make-or-break season for Apple. He had a bad year in 2017 and was called a cancer by safety Landon Collins because of his attitude. He was inactive for four games and suspended for the season finale.

The South Jersey native came back this season and was all business. He has shown flashes of being a good cornerback but at times has not made plays. His holding penalty on a third-down play cost the Giants a chance to get off the field with Atlanta pinned near its goal line.

In his three seasons with the Giants, Apple played in 30 regular-season games with 23 starts. □

Mills jumper keeps James and Lakers winless

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patty Mills hit a go-ahead jumper with 6.8 seconds left and the San Antonio Spurs kept the Los Angeles Lakers winless with LeBron James, rallying from a six-point deficit in the final minute of overtime for a wild 143-142 victory Monday night.

James hit a tying 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds left in regulation and finished with 32 points, 14 assists and eight rebounds. But the superstar missed two free throws with 12.8 seconds to play, and Mills coolly put the Spurs ahead.

James missed a long shot at the buzzer, thoroughly deflating Staples Center.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 37 points and 10 rebounds, and DeMar DeRozan added 32 points and 14 assists as the Spurs made a tremendous rally to bounce back from a loss at Portland.

WIZARDS 125, TRAIL BLAZERS 124, OT

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Markieff Morris had 28 points, including six 3-pointers, and the Wizards won their first game of the season with an overtime victory over the Trail Blazers.

Bradley Beal added 25 points for the Wizards, and Otto Porter Jr. blocked Damian Lillard's layup attempt at the final buzzer to seal the win.

Lillard had 29 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the Trail Blazers, who lost their first game after opening the season 2-0.

Morris had a layup and a free throw to put the Wizards ahead 120-117 in overtime. Lillard's layup got Portland closer, but Morris landed a 3-pointer with 38.5 seconds left.

Lillard's jumper got Portland within a basket before John Wall's 17-footer with 10.1 second left looked to all but seal it for the Wizards. CJ McCollum made it interesting with a 3-pointer for the Blazers and Wall missed a pair of free throws, but Porter blocked Lillard's attempt to win it with a layup at the buzzer.

Jusuf Nurkic finished with 22 points and 18 rebounds for



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James, right, drives toward the basket as San Antonio Spurs forward Rudy Gay defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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the Blazers.

WARRIORS 123, SUNS 103
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry scored 15 of his 29 points in the third quarter and also had eight assists, leading the Warriors past the Suns.

Kevin Durant scored 22 points and Draymond Green dished out eight of 35 assists for the two-time defending NBA champions. Coach Steve Kerr had been disappointed in his team's passing, rushed shots and ball movement so far.

Kerr might be pleased with the progress: The Warriors shot 51.1 percent in the second of a back-to-back following a two-point loss at Denver on Sunday, which came after a one-point win Friday at Utah.

The Warriors won a 16th straight against Phoenix, their longest unbeaten run against a single team in franchise history. Golden State's 14 straight home victories versus the Suns is a new franchise mark, as well.

RAPTORS 127, HORNETS 106
TORONTO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points, Kyle Lowry had 16 points

and a season-high 14 assists, and Toronto never trailed in a victory over the Hornets, the Raptors' fourth straight win to open the season.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 17 points, Danny Green had 16, and Serge Ibaka added 15 as the Raptors won for the ninth time in 11 meetings with the Hornets. Toronto is the first NBA team to reach four wins. Denver (3-0) can match the Raptors when it hosts Sacramento on Tuesday.

Leonard returned after sitting out Saturday night's road win over Washington, the second game of a back-to-back. The two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year was limited to nine games last season because of a quadriceps injury.

Kemba Walker scored 26 points and Jeremy Lamb had 16 as the Hornets dropped their first road game of the season.

MAGIC 93, CELTICS 90
BOSTON (AP) — Nikola Vucevic had 24 points and 12 rebounds while the Orlando Magic survived two 3-point attempts by Boston in the closing seconds to

beat the Celtics.

Trailing 91-90 with 14.2 seconds to play, Boston was forced to foul Evan Fournier after Orlando inbounded the ball. He stepped to the line and made both free throws with 7.8 seconds left. Kyrie Irving then missed a 3 from the right corner, and after Al Horford grabbed the rebound and fed it out — Gordon Hayward's rimmed out just before the buzzer sounded.

Irving led the Celtics (2-2) with 22 points.

TIMBERWOLVES 101, PACERS 91

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jimmy Butler returned to Minnesota's lineup and scored 20 points to lead the Timberwolves to a win over the Pacers. Butler, who received a mix of boos and cheers during player introductions, sat out Saturday due to precautionary rest. Karl-Anthony Towns added 17 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, while rookie guard Josh Okogie scored 12 points off the bench.

The Wolves led by as many as nine early before Indiana cut it to one point at the half. Victor Oladipo scored 15 of his 20 points

before halftime to lead the Pacers. He has now scored at least 20 points in three straight games.

BUCKS 124, KNICKS 113

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points and 15 rebounds, Khris Middleton sank a pair of late 3-pointers and the Bucks survived a furious second-half rally by New York to hold off the Knicks. Middleton was efficient in scoring 30 points, going 7 of 8 from 3-point range. Antetokounmpo only had one 3, but it came in a big spot, giving unbeaten Milwaukee the lead for good midway through the fourth period.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the Knicks with 24 points. Trey Burke added 19 and Mario Hezonja had 18.

Middleton's 3-pointer with 2:22 left gave the Bucks a 116-110 lead, and Eric Bledsoe and Middleton had 3s in the final two minutes as Milwaukee pulled away.

All five Bucks starters scored in double figures. Bledsoe had 16 points, center Brook Lopez added 13 and guard Malcolm Brogdon had 11.

MAVERICKS 115, BULLS 109
DALLAS (AP) — DeAndre Jordan became the first Dallas player in 24 years to start a season with three straight double-doubles, getting 18 points and 16 rebounds to help the Mavericks beat the Bulls.

Luka Doncic scored 19 in the 19-year-old's second home game, another win that put the Mavericks (2-1) over .500 for the first time since the end of the 2015-16 season.

Zach LaVine scored 34 for the Bulls and is the third Chicago player to open a season with three straight 30-point games. The others were Michael Jordan in 1986 and Bob Love in 1971. Wesley Matthews led six Dallas players in double figures with 20 points. Maxi Kleber, Dwight Powell and Dorian Finney-Smith scored 12 apiece.

GRIZZLIES 92, JAZZ 84

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mike Conley scored 23 points to lead the Grizzlies to a victory over the Jazz. □

Fielding respecting but not fearing Canelo in title match

By BARRY WILNER, AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Rocky Fielding enters Madison Square Garden on Dec. 15, it won't be his first time in the big arena. It will be his initial visit for a boxing event — his fight against Canelo Alvarez.

The WBA super middle-weight champion will put his belt on the line and be a hefty underdog against what even Fielding calls "an elite fighter ... the face of boxing ... a superstar."

Fielding and his girlfriend took a tour of the Garden a few years ago, then went to a basketball game. He hoped to someday be in the ring at the Manhattan venue that Fielding notes is the world's Mecca of boxing. He even imagined it.

"I was coming off my first defeat and was somewhat down," says the Brit who is 27-1, the loss to Callum Smith coming just under three years ago. "We came over, took the tour and returned at night for a basketball game. The history this arena holds struck me. As a fighter, you connect with it. And I said one day I would fight here."

"Three years down the road, I am fighting the biggest name in boxing. In the main event — for my title.



Dreams do come true."

It won't be much of a dream if Fielding loses, as so many people outside of his camp seem to expect. Alvarez comes off a draw and then a win over Genady Golovkin as middle-weights, and a third bout with Triple G is what the boxing community hankers for.

But Alvarez seeks to join a group of Mexican fighters with three weight crowns. And while the money would be massive for a third Go-

lovkin fight, Alvarez does own a 1-0-1 record against Triple G, though both bouts were very close.

For his part, Fielding envisions himself as the star of the show in mid-December. "I know what I am up against, a tough, elite fighter who has been on pay-per-view and sold out arenas," he said. "You have to start somewhere; he did. I'm the world champ and I want to get to that level he is at, and I am confident of getting that win."

"If I beat Canelo at Madison Square Garden, I will be up all night and will be the superstar the next day. To get the win at Madison Square Garden and the win for my own fans, there will be a new face of boxing and that will be me."

Fielding hasn't faced anyone close to Alvarez's level, though. He stopped Tyron Zeuge in July for the WBA crown in his first fight outside of Britain.

A bout in Offenber, Germany, doesn't quite have

the same, uh, ring, as climbing into the MSG ring with perhaps the best boxer in the world.

For now, Fielding is simply thrilled to have such a terrific chance to establish himself as a top guy in the sport.

"I will enjoy every bit of it that goes now, but taking the background and the noise away on Dec. 15, it's me and Canelo," he says. "This is what I am in the game for and this is what I trained for since age 9." □

Wozniacki gets 1st win at this year's WTA Finals

By SANDRA HARWITT
Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki earned her first victory at this year's WTA Finals, beating Petra Kvitova 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 on Tuesday.

Elena Svitolina earned her second straight win in the other group match, outlasting Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. The results mean all four players are still in contention to advance to the semifinals from the White Group.

Wozniacki, who became the first Danish woman to win a Grand Slam title at this year's Australian Open, is now 1-1, while Kvitova is 0-2.

"I played much better to-



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark plays a return shot while competing against Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic during their women's singles match at the WTA tennis finals in Singapore, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

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day," Wozniacki said on court after the match. "I returned well. I served well. Against Petra, she's so pow-

erful, you have to stay on your game. I just tried to stay focused and get a lot of balls back.

"I always believe in myself and when I'm out on the court I believe I'm going to win."

Kvitova, who won the WTA Finals title in her debut appearance at the year-end tournament in 2011, was the one taking chances on Tuesday. But Wozniacki played steadier defense and waited for the Czech to make mistakes.

Kvitova finished the match with 40 winners and 40 unforced errors. Wozniacki had 19 winners and 14 unforced errors.

Wozniacki, who broke her opponent in the first and fifth games of the deciding set, took a medical timeout to have her left knee bandaged when Kvitova was

leading 3-1 in the second. Svitolina failed to serve out the match at 5-2 in the third set but converted her third match point in the next game with a forehand winner.

The most tense moment of the match came in the third game of the first set, which lasted 15 minutes and went to deuce 10 times. Svitolina finally held after saving six break points.

"Actually, I was thinking how long we are playing this game? No more," Svitolina said, smiling. "We were both I think a little bit struggling with our nerves."

Svitolina only needs to win a set in her last round-robin match against Wozniacki to reach the semifinals. □

Brain Attack

By: Dr Carlos Viana

A "brain attack" happens when blood flow to a part of your brain is cut off. The brain cells, deprived of oxygen and glucose needed to survive, die. If a stroke is not caught early, or if it is a large area, you can suffer permanent brain damage or die. There are two kinds of strokes: a blood clot in the blood vessels of the brain is called an "ischemic stroke". The second stroke is called a "hemorrhagic stroke", 'hemorrhagic' means 'bleeding' happens when a blood vessel in the brain breaks or ruptures.

About 80% of all strokes are ischemic where a clot blocks blood carrying oxygen and sugar to part of the brain. Regular medicine thinks that block is plaque, made up of fatty (cholesterol) deposits which clog the brain's blood vessels. My Biocompatible Medicine protocol has identified that it is actually, too much free calcium causing the problem.

The second type of stroke, a ruptured blood vessel in your brain is considered by regular medicine to be because of high blood pressure and a bulge that forms in the blood vessel of your brain, like gnarled, enlarged leg veins. This bulge in the head is called a brain aneurysm. An aneurysm is a weakness or thinness in the blood vessel wall, that I believe was not caused initially by blood pressure. All blood vessels need to be flexible and if lined with loose calcium, can become stiff.

The most common symptoms of a stroke are: Weakness or numbness of the face, arm, or leg on one side of the body

Loss of vision or dimming (like a curtain falling) in one or both eyes

Loss of speech, difficulty talking, or understanding what others are saying

Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

Loss of balance or unstable walking usually combined with another symptom

If you have a couple of these symptoms, call 911 immediately.

Many people have had small, or mini- strokes. The symptoms are the same as listed above, however, symptoms may go away in as little as a few minutes or can last as long as 24 hours. About 40% of people who have them will go on to have an actual stroke, and half of these strokes occur within two days of the mini- stroke, according to the US National Stroke Association.

Mini- strokes are called medically, as transient

ischemic attacks (TIAs). TIA means: Transient, 'passing especially quickly'; Ischemic, 'deficient supply of blood to a body part'; and, Attack means 'causes something harmful or destructive to happen'. A TIA is a temporary drop in the blood supply, in this case, to the brain. This can cause temporary damage to the brain because brain cells aren't getting enough oxygen. However, people who have TIA have 20% lower life expectancy than expected compared to the general population. This highlights the fact that TIAs are serious events that should not be ignored and can happen even in young adults.

All these problems in the brain, I believe, start in the liver. When the liver is not producing good bile people suffer from indigestion, what doctors call GERD, bloated stomach after eating, constipation, hemorrhoids, and weight gain. Cholesterol, triglyceride, and fasting blood sugar become high and non- alcoholic fatty liver develops. The digestion problems mean you are not digesting your food, not able to metabolize then use your body's building blocks, amino acids. To obtain the much-needed amino acids, your body starts pulling them out of your muscles. Strong muscles = strong bones, but as your muscles get smaller, your bones decide they do not need to be as big and strong to support these "smaller" muscles. They begin to release calcium and other minerals, that clog your arteries.

When we diagnose a person who, probably had a TIA, I ask for a blood test and, immediately start them on dietary supplements to improve liver bile production. The amino acids Taurine and Glycine are needed by the liver to convert cholesterol into bile. Lecithin Granules helps your body burn fat that can be used for energy and bile production. Meanwhile, to help you better digest your food, natural Digestives are a great help.

I'm sure to put our patients on their blood type food list also. They begin digesting their food better and stop losing muscle. To send the calcium in your veins and arteries back into your bones, the supplements that I prescribe are: Magnesium citrate, Zinc citrate, Vitamin K2, and Vitamin D3. This is my BONE SUPPORT PACK.

Magnesium citrate, besides being fantastic for your heart, without enough magnesium your body cannot absorb calcium; stimulate calcitonin, a hormone that draws calcium from the blood and tissues back into the bones or

convert vitamin D into its active form for calcium absorption. Unfortunately, many people are not eating enough magnesium rich foods like: green leafy vegetables, like spinach, kale, and bok-choy; Fruit, figs, avocado, banana and raspberries; Nuts and seeds; black beans, chickpeas and kidney beans; or Vegetables like peas, broccoli, cabbage, green beans, artichokes, asparagus, brussels sprouts.


When your body is deficient in zinc, you lose your ability to smell and your arteries become stiff. Zinc also is important for a strong immune function, wound healing, thyroid function, vision. The list of why your body needs zinc is long, yet, as important as zinc is, it is not stored in the body and requires a regular dietary intake. Good dietary sources of zinc include red meats, seafood, dairy products, nuts, legumes, and whole grains.

Vitamin K2 is the most important form of vitamin K for bone health. I help patients 'melt' their bone spurs prescribing K2. Insufficient vitamin K2 leads to decreased bone mineral density, a key factor in osteoporosis, and an excess of calcium in the arterial wall, which increases the risk of heart disease. Foods that are rich in vitamin K2 include: goose liver, cheese, egg yolks, dark chicken meat and butter.

Also known as the "sunshine vitamin" because your body is designed to get the vitamin D3 it needs by producing it when your bare skin is exposed to sunlight. You would think, here in the tropics, with our intense sunlight we would be getting enough. Not so, we wear too many clothes and are not outside enough. Everyone I have tested, from teens to seniors, has been deficient in vitamin D. Calcium and phosphate in the intestinal tract, leads to elevated levels of calcium in your blood and lower bone resorption. Vitamin D3 helps increase calcium reabsorb back into your bones. Foods that provide vitamin D3 include: Fatty fish, like tuna, mackerel, and salmon; Beef liver; Cheese, and Egg yolk

Get The Point! Experiencing a TIA is a message from the Healing Spirit urging you to seek medical advice to regain your health. Having a TIA is a larger indicator of early death for older patients than for younger ones, with the event having only a minimal effect on survival in patients younger than 50. Your body can become stronger and healthier with some lifestyle changes and taking dietary supplements. □

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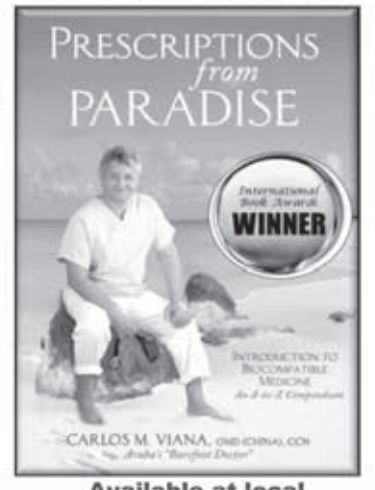
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Stocks mostly recover from an early plunge on Wall Street

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stocks were easing back Tuesday from a steep, broad sell-off that knocked more than 500 points off the Dow Jones Industrial Average earlier in the day. Even with the late-afternoon rebound, stocks were on track to extend the market's recent string of losses, including a four-day losing streak for the benchmark S&P 500 index. Bond prices rose, sending yields lower, as investors sought out safer investments.

The latest selling came as investors grew unsettled by slowing economic growth in China and the growing costs of President Donald Trump's aggressive trade policies.

China's economy grew 6.5 percent from July to September, the slowest pace since early 2009. The world's second-largest economy was cooling even before the outbreak of a tariff war with Washington. That contrasts with the momentum of the U.S. economy. The government is expected to say Friday that the U.S. economy grew by 3.3 percent in the third quarter, after growing by 4.2 percent in the second quarter.

The strong U.S. economy has helped power earnings growth for companies in the S&P 500. While those companies are expected to deliver 21.9 percent earnings growth for the third quarter, investors are concerned about future growth amid rising inflation, interest rates and uncertainty over trade.

"That's the story, it's not the current quarter results, but the commentary going forward, the impact of tariffs and what that means in terms of costs," said Willie Delwiche, an investment strategist at Baird. "If tariffs didn't come up in earnings calls and commentary, then maybe you could say we were moving away from that, but the opposite is happening."

Caterpillar's stock price tumbled after the heavy equipment manufacturer warned that Trump's taxes on imported steel were



Specialist Peter Mazza, center, and trader Michael Urkonis work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

Associated Press

driving up production costs. The stock skidded 7.2 percent to \$119.31.

3M Co. fell 3.8 percent to \$193.67 after its earnings missed Wall Street's targets. The industrial manufacturer said it expects raw material prices to continue climbing, and for tariffs to have a roughly \$100 million negative impact on the company's sourcing costs next year.

Caterpillar and 3M were, by far, the biggest decliners in the 30-company Dow average.

Losses in banks, energy and technology companies outweighed gains by internet and consumer-goods stocks. A sharp sell-off in Chinese and other global markets set the stage for the turbulent day on Wall Street.

The S&P 500 fell 7 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,748 as of 3:31 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Dow erased much of its early losses. It was down 62 points, or 0.3 percent, to 25,254. The average was down more than 540 points earlier.

The Nasdaq slid 10 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,457. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 4 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,534. The index is now down for the year.

Bond prices rose, sending the yield on the 10-year

Treasury note down to 3.17 percent from 3.19 percent late Monday.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index sank 3.1 percent. European markets also closed sharply lower.

Markets have been rattled in recent weeks by increased worries over the impact that rising interest rates, inflation and the escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China may have on Corporate America.

Trump has imposed tariffs on about \$250 billion in Chinese imports, and Beijing has retaliated by targeting \$110 billion in American products.

Trump has threatened to tax another \$267 billion in Chinese products, a move that would cover virtually everything China ships to America.

The two countries are locked in a dispute over U.S. allegations that China steals U.S. technology and forces U.S. companies to

share trade secrets in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

A big drop in oil prices weighed on energy stocks Tuesday. Marathon Oil dropped 3.5 percent to \$19.74.

Truck maker Paccar fell 5 percent to \$57.45, while engine manufacturer Cummins slid 3.4 percent to \$135.12.

Communications stocks were among the biggest gainers. Verizon Communications climbed 4.3 percent to \$57.35.

Traders also bid up shares in McDonald's after the fast-food chain reported third-quarter results that topped analysts' forecasts. The stock gained 5.7 percent to \$176.16.

Close to 17 percent of companies on the broad S&P 500 index have reported earnings for the third quarter, and over half of them did better than expected.

"They're coming in ahead of expectations, generally, but the degree to which they're beating expectations is less than what it has been in previous quarters," Delwiche said. "That's why there's some concern there."

Tesla was among the big gainers Tuesday. The stock vaulted 12.3 percent to \$293.13 after Citron Research, a company that for years had bet against the stock, reversed its position and put out a note saying it would be a long-term investor in the electric car and solar panel company. Benchmark U.S. crude fell 4.2 percent to settle at \$66.43 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, dropped 4.2 percent to close at \$76.44 per barrel in London.

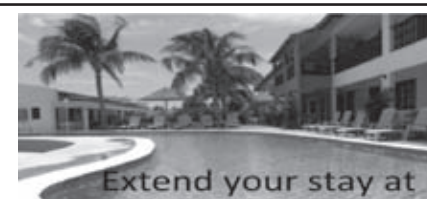
The dollar weakened to 112.47 yen from 112.82 yen on Monday. The euro rose to \$1.1467 from \$1.1466.

Gold rose 1 percent to \$1,236.80 an ounce. Silver gained 1.4 percent to \$14.79 an ounce. Copper dropped 1 percent to \$2.76 a pound.

In Europe, the focus was on Italy's dispute with the European Union over its plan to ramp up public spending. The plan expands its targeted deficit to 2.4 percent of GDP next year, three times more than promised by the previous government.

The European Union has rejected Italy's budget, a first for an EU member. It's worried that the plans would prevent Italy from lowering its debt, which is second only to Greece among its members. International credit rating agency Moody's has downgraded Italy's credit rating. □

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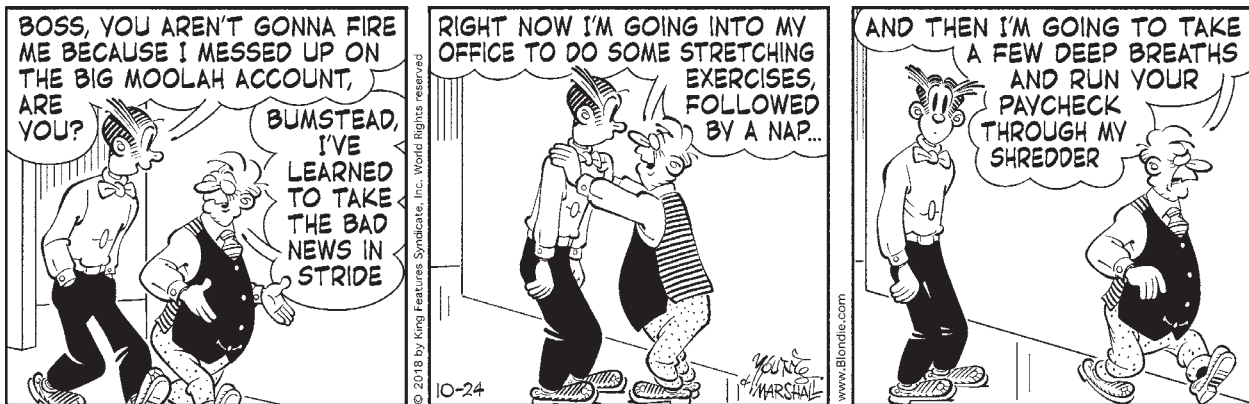
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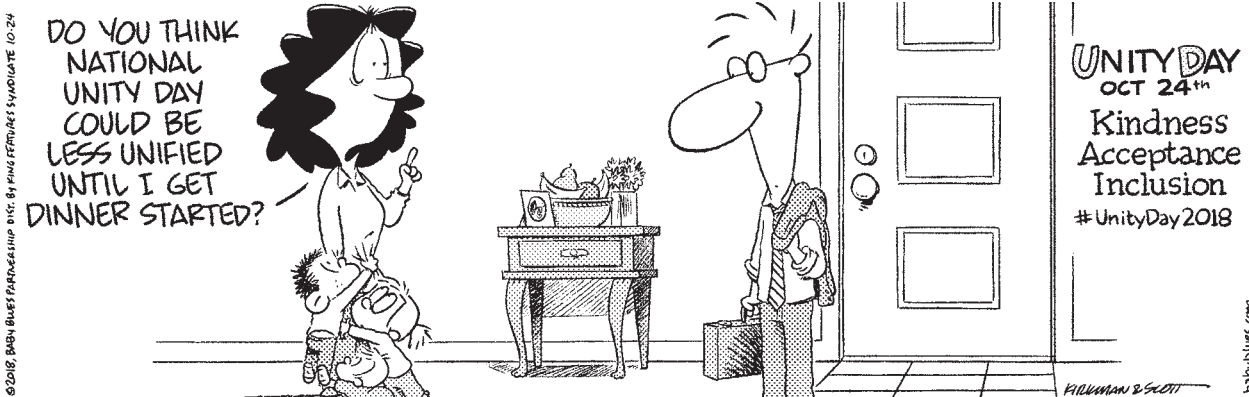
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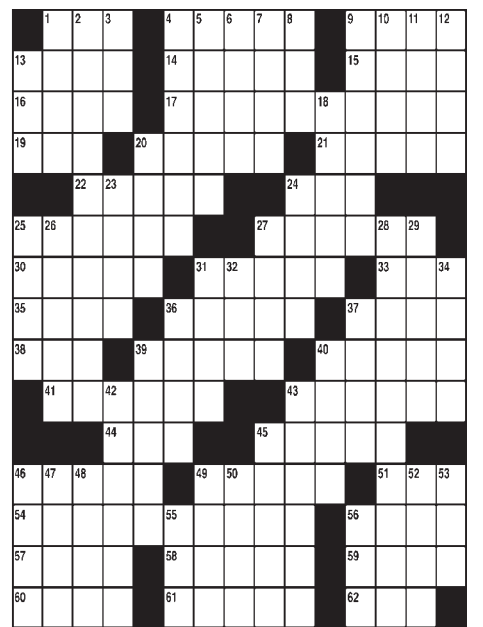
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

5	2	6	7	4	3	9	8	1
9	8	7	6	1	2	5	4	3
3	1	4	8	9	5	6	2	7
6	7	5	4	3	8	1	9	2
8	4	1	5	2	9	3	7	6
2	9	3	1	7	6	4	5	8
1	6	8	2	5	4	7	3	9
4	3	2	9	6	7	8	1	5
7	5	9	3	8	1	2	6	4

ACROSS

- Color
- Bootees
- Garrett, for one
- Beach surface
- Wading bird
- Gray wolf
- Mont Blanc's range
- Illegible
- Org. for Falcons & Eagles
- Wed on the run
- Pack animals
- Cairo's nation
- "... Along, Little Dogies"
- Mountain cottage
- Gambler's woes
- Desert refuge
- Like roasted marshmallows
- "... Lazy River"
- Use a dagger
- One of the planets
- "Get lost!"
- Part of a royal flush
- Refers to
- Mass of bees
- Drags one's feet
- Pieces of celery
- Spike, for one
- Gleaming
- Start of a refrain
- Might; strength
- Beta Kappa
- 20th-century U.S. president
- Astonish
- Call it __; quit work & go home
- Actor Ed
- Handsome young man
- Berry & Griffey
- Irritable
- Feminine ending



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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6 Nag

- Part of the leg
- Adriatic or Aegean
- Explosions
- Steals from
- Qualified
- Mothers of fawns
- Diego, CA
- Donald Duck's love
- Watches
- Insincerely smooth
- Departs
- Expense
- Abhors
- Gehrig & Costello
- Fragrant
- Australian tree
- Tiny glowing particle
- it; understands
- Late bedtime
- Sources of quick cash
- Contemptible

DOWN

- __-dollar; U.S. coin
- Distasteful
- Bradley & Begley
- Carve a statue
- To be __ to be...

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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SAVE	STOAT	LEAP
SYNTHETIC	ANDY	
PIER	HEM	
ATTICS	OBEDIENT	
SWANS	MAULS	AIR
TAPS	FORTS	FREE
HIE	FILES	DANCE
ENROLLED	POISED	
PUB	BALL	
SHOE	EMBELLISH	
LION	REARM	NCIS
ADZE	TABLE	GAVE
PEER	SNEER	MEA

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- The Ugly Duckling, in reality
- Spotless
- Recipe verb
- Narrow streets
- Cooking wine
- "... Caroline"; Neil Diamond hit
- Yellowish wood
- Carousel or Ferris wheel
- Simile words
- Sit for an artist
- Possesses
- Attila's men
- Pen contents
- Head topper
- "Murder, __ Wrote"



In this Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, file photo, Alex Jones, the right-wing conspiracy theorist, walks the corridors of Capitol Hill after listening to testimony on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

Twitter removes accounts linked to Alex Jones, Infowars

By The Associated Press
Twitter has removed some accounts thought to be used to circumvent a ban on conspiracy-monger Alex Jones and Infowars, the company said Tuesday. A Twitter spokesman confirmed that the accounts had been removed but provided no additional comment. The company says it usually does not discuss specific accounts. Twitter permanently suspended @realalexjones and @infowars from Twitter and Periscope in early September, later than many other tech companies such as Apple and Facebook. It said it based that action in reports of tweets and vid-

eos that violated its policy against abusive behavior. The ban underscored the difficulty many social-media services face in trying to consistently apply their rules against harassment and other bad behavior. It was also likely from the start that Jones and his supporters would find ways to get around Twitter's ban by setting up new accounts or posting from existing accounts that were not part of the initial purge. As of Tuesday afternoon, an account for Alex Jones podcasts was still up on Twitter, as was another called "InfowarsFeed" that hasn't tweeted since 2008. □



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Top scientists say Brexit could hurt research across Europe

By JILL LAWLESS

LONDON (AP) — Top scientists from around Europe warned Tuesday that Brexit could leave Britain and the European Union "more insular," harming research across the continent, as Prime Minister Theresa May met her divided Cabinet to discuss the state of divorce negotiations.

A letter signed by 29 Nobel laureates and six winners of the Fields Medal mathematics prize urged May and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to ensure the "closest possible cooperation between the U.K. and the EU" after Britain leaves the bloc.

The letter said scientific innovation "requires the flow of people and ideas across borders to allow the rapid exchange of ideas, expertise and technology."

"Creating new barriers to such ease of collaboration will inhibit progress, to the detriment of us all," said the signatories, who include biologist Venki Ramakrishnan and economist Christopher Pissarides.

The London-based Francis Crick Institute, the biggest biomedical research lab under one roof in Europe, also warned that a "hard Brexit" that put up barriers



In this image taken from Parliament TV, Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May makes a statement to the House of Commons about the European Council summit, in London, Monday Oct. 22, 2018. Associated Press

ers to the flow of people, goods and services would be detrimental to British science.

Crick director Paul Nurse, who shared the 2001 Nobel Prize in medicine for his cancer research, said "we need a deal that replaces the science funding lost because of Brexit, that preserves freedom of movement for talented scientists, and that makes them feel

welcome in this country." The British government says it is seeking "an ambitious relationship on science and innovation with our EU partners" after Brexit. But the details of new arrangements will not be worked out until after the U.K. leaves the bloc in March.

"There isn't absolute certainty now, which I would love to be able to give," U.K. Science Minister Sam Gyimah

said Tuesday. "But what I can say is we are aware that, if we want to be the go-to place for science - which is our ambition as a nation - then mobility and reducing friction has to be a key part of that."

The two sides hope to have a withdrawal agreement and the outlines of a deal on future relations in place well before the U.K. leaves the EU on March 29. But

fears are growing the U.K. might leave without a deal in place, leading to chaos at ports and major economic disruption.

On Tuesday, May ordered her Brexit minister to provide the Cabinet with weekly updates on preparations for a "no-deal" Brexit.

The main roadblock to a deal is the 310-mile (500-km) border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

Britain and the EU agree there must be no barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on both sides of the border and undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process. But so far, each side has rejected the other's solution.

The EU has proposed keeping Northern Ireland in its customs union after Brexit, eliminating the need for border checks. But Britain says that is unacceptable because it would mean checks between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K.

Britain's counter-proposal is to keep the whole U.K. temporarily in a customs union with the bloc. Irish broadcaster RTE reported Tuesday that the EU was willing to offer Britain a U.K.-wide customs union, though details remained unclear. □



In this Sept. 9, 2018 photo plastic waste sits on a freshly cultivated field in Nauen, Germany.

Associated Press

Experts caution study on plastics in humans is premature

By FRANK JORDANS

BERLIN (AP) — Scientists in Austria say they've detected tiny bits of plastic in people's stool for the first time, but experts caution the study is too small and premature to draw any credible conclusion.

Presenting their findings at a congress in Vienna on Tuesday, researchers from the Medical University of Vienna and the Environment Agency Austria said their pilot study detected so-called microplastics in all samples taken from eight volunteers in Europe, Russia and Japan.

Microplastics — defined as pieces smaller than 5

millimeters — have previously been found in water, animals and food, but so far studies haven't proved they pose a risk to human health.

Still, there is growing public concern about their apparent ubiquitous presence in the environment, and the head of Germany's Green party said the Austrian study was "a further alarm signal."

Robert Habeck told the Funke media group that microplastics should be banned from cosmetic products and the use of plastic packaging should be greatly reduced.

However, experts say it's not

surprising that microplastics would be found in human samples too, and said the Austrian study raises many questions.

"It's small scale and not at all representative," said Martin Wagner, a biologist at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He noted that the study wasn't reviewed by independent scientists and the authors haven't provided details about the measures taken to prevent samples from becoming contaminated.

"In the worst case, all the plastic they found is from the lab," Wagner told The Associated Press. □

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Rowling, Tolkien, Austen novels vie for bragging rights

By LYNN ELBER

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The results are in for an impassioned national election that put the popularity of candidates Jane Austen, J.R.R. Tolkien and J.K. Rowling on the line.

The effort to discover America's best-loved novel — and promote reading — ends with the winner announced on Tuesday's 8 p.m. EDT finale (check local listings) of PBS' "The Great American Read." The series profiled the contenders and let bookworms, famous and not, advocate for their pick.

More than 4 million votes were cast over six months, PBS said, with Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series and Rowling's "Harry Potter" saga making the top 10 on an alphabetical-order list that was released as voting wrapped last week.

The other front-runners were "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White; "The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis; "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell; "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte; "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott; the "Outlander"



This combination photo shows J.R.R. Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings," series in 1967, left, and J. K. Rowling, author of the "Harry Potter" series at the "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" Broadway opening in New York on April 22, 2018.

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series by Diana Gabaldon; and "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

"Harry Potter" was among the multivolume series that counted as a single entry. Given its hold on the modern imagination on the page, screen and stage, it might be the obvious winner.

Eliyannah Yisrael, who discovered Rowling's magic

touch about 15 years ago as a Chicago State University student, was among its vocal boosters on "The Great American Read" and beyond.

"Listen, me and 'Harry Potter' are going to take this thing to the end. I want to be victorious," Yisrael told a TV critics' gathering last summer.

Series host Meredith Vieira

didn't spill the beans in a recent interview. But she was glad to tout the initiative's ripple effect, including a nearly 50,000-member online book club and more than 5 million views for series-related video content across PBS platforms, Facebook and YouTube.

"We forget the power of a book, not just on individuals but on groups of people.

There's something wonderful about sitting down with your friends and talking about a book," Vieira said. "And ultimately with these novels you learn something more about yourself. They force you to question who you are, your values as an individual, your values as a society."

About a fifth of the 100 books were provocative enough that they've been censored in some manner, said series executive producer Jane Root, who called that number "astounding."

"We were expecting it to be two or three. But a huge number of books, I think because of their potency and the power of the relationship that you have with a really great book, they upset people," she said. "They disturbed the waters. They make people fearful."

Some popular books simply have a whiz-bang story to tell, with top 100 titles "Fifty Shades of Grey" and "The Da Vinci Code" making the point.

The list was based on an initial survey of about 7,000 Americans, with an advisory panel of experts organizing the 100-contender list. □

Ty Segall's 'Fudge Sandwich' is full of fun covers

By PABLO GORONDI

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Ty Segall, "Fudge Sandwich" (In the Red)

Some people make playlists of their favorite songs, some folks' closets are full of mixtapes and some still make compilations on CD for themselves or their friends. But not the prolific Ty Segall, who takes a much more hands-on approach and has used his music collection as inspiration to record "Fudge Sandwich," gathering a handful of tracks from the late '60s to early '70s that have influenced him over the years. It all starts with a menacing version of "Low Rider," War's hot-rod anthem, sounding straight out of a post-apocalyptic car movie, followed by an accurate

though not reverential take on the Spencer Davis Group's "I'm a Man." On John Lennon's "Isolation," one of his soul-baring "us vs. them" songs, Segall substitutes rancid-sounding guitars for the original's piano parts and makes full use of his vocal similarities with the Liverpoolian. That same Lennon-like vocal, added to even more distorted guitars, makes Funkadelic's "Hit It and Quit It" even more agonizing.

Segall's guitar tones get much praise and there's a whole catalog of them on hand, but it's his drumming that really stands out here, expertly shifting from rock to prog to punk and back again.

Rudimentary Peni's "Rotten to the Core" from 1983 is



This cover image released by In The Red shows "Fudge Sandwich," a release by Ty Segall.

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the "newest" song on the album, the London band's diatribe against Johnny Rotten and Joe Strummer and a warning to fans that "rock stars deal in money not truth," while Segall turns The Dils' frantic "Class War" into passionate power-pop. Segall says "Fudge Sandwich" was made just for fun and that's exactly what you'll have listening to it. □



Greengrass on confronting the alt-right in '22 July'

By JAKE COYLE

TORONTO (AP) — With handheld cameras in tow, Paul Greengrass has headed straight into real-life horrors to make visceral, immersive fiction films: a 1972 massacre in North Ireland ("Bloody Sunday"), the September 11 terrorist attacks ("United 93") and the Somali hijacking of a cargo ship ("Captain Phillips").

His latest, "22 July," recreates the 2011 attacks in Oslo and at the Norwegian summer camp Utoya where 77 were killed and 110 were injured by far-right terrorist Anders Behring Breivik. While Greengrass opens "22 July" with the bombing and shooting, the movie is really about the attack's aftermath. Breivik's trial — and the intolerant, anti-multiculturalism ideology he espouses — tests Norway's democracy. "It's about how Norway fought for their democracy in the shadow of a right-wing insurgency," says Greengrass. "It's a film about Norway then but it's actually about us today or tomorrow."



This image released by Netflix shows Isak Bakli Aglen, left, and Jonas Strand Gravli in a scene from "22 July," a docudrama about the 2011 Norway terrorist attack.

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"22 July," which debuted Wednesday on Netflix and in select theaters, is for the 63-year-old British filmmaker about a growing, global battle, in microcosm. In an interview last month, Greengrass spoke about "22 July" and the future of democracy. "We're being tested," he

said. "Democracy doesn't just happen. It has to be won on the level of ideas. It has to be fought for."

AP: Do you consider "United 93" and "22 July" linked in any way?

Greengrass: They're tough making these films. "22 July" and "United 93," in my mind I saw them as different films but related. I'm not saying, 'Poor me.' You try to do the absolute best you can by

those people, by your craft, to make the best, most responsible, most serious film you can make once you've said to yourself and answered the question: Is this a necessary film to make? I've tried my best to be dispassionate and compassionate. Whether it's '93' or this, it's an isolated moment and if you look at it in its granular detail, it's like looking at it through a

microscope. You see the world writ large, the DNA of where we are today.

AP: What initially led you to making a film about the Norway attacks?

Greengrass: I had wanted to make a film about the migration crisis. I looked at the runs by which they come in through Europe: through Greece and Lesbos, from Syria and the North African ones. I spent quite a bit of time with the boats and the rest of it, trying to figure out a movie with that as a backdrop. But the more I did it, it became overwhelmed by the bigger story, which was Brexit in my country — and the rhetoric of Brexit — and Trump, obviously. It became obvious to me that the film was not about the migrant experience. The story was about what was happening to the politics in the West. We were witnessing a huge counter-reaction to globalization.

AP: So you turned to Breivik as a symbol of this shift.

Greengrass: What he thought he was doing was striking a blow and raising the standard of rebellion and that people would follow him. □

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'Wonder Woman' sequel pushed back to summer 2020



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Gal Gadot in a scene from "Wonder Woman." Warner Bros.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The world will have to wait a little longer for the "Wonder Woman" sequel, which

will now arrive in theaters in summer 2020.

Warner Bros. announced Monday that "Wonder Woman 1984" will now

open on June 5, 2020. The film starring Gal Gadot as the Amazonian superhero had been slated for a November 2019 release.

Patty Jenkins is returning as director and has teased fans with tidbits about the series' time jump to the 1980s.

The first "Wonder Woman" was a major blockbuster for Warner Bros.' DC Comics franchise. The film earned more than \$800 million globally. The original became the most successful live-action film directed by a woman.

The sequel would have been released a month after the "Joker" which is scheduled to open on Oct. 4, 2019. □

Carey Mulligan on her 'women's liberation trilogy'

By JAKE COYLE

TORONTO (AP) — Carey Mulligan is a letter writer.

As a young woman with acting aspirations, she wrote to Kenneth Branagh asking for advice after seeing him in "Henry V." At 16, she wrote to "Mr. Eminem" to tell the rapper what a fan she was of "8 Mile." After Julian Fellowes visited her school, she wrote to the screenwriter, too, forging a connection that led to meeting casting directors and ultimately landing a part in the 2005 film "Pride & Prejudice."

"I didn't have any way into the industry. I didn't know what my route in was," says Mulligan. "Sometimes, I feel compelled to write to someone to tell them how brilliant they are. I wrote to Amy Adams after 'Arrival' and I was like: 'You are the best actress on the planet.'" That Mulligan found her way by seizing it with something as old-fashioned as pen and paper is appropriate. Since her debut in "Pride & Prejudice," her career has frequently been one of time travel. In a long string of period films, from her breakthrough in the 1961 London-set "An Education" to her latest, "Wildlife," set in 1960s Montana, she has vividly brought to life portraits of women through history, women whose own paths were too constrained to be freed by sheer force of will and a stamp.

Since 2015's "Suffragette" — a movie she says reinvigorated her feelings



This Sept. 9, 2018 photo shows actress Carey Mulligan, a cast member in the film "Wildlife," posing for a portrait during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

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about women's rights today — Mulligan has played a kind of modern woman sought for marriage by a battery of suitors in 1874 England ("Far From the Madding Crowd"), a cultivated woman dragged to post-WWII Mississippi by her husband ("Mudbound"), and, in Paul Dano's Richard Ford adaptation "Wildlife," a trapped, aimless woman whose husband (Jake Gyllenhaal) leaves her and their 14-year-old boy (Ed Oxenbould) in a remote Montana town while he goes off to fight forest fires. "They're all kind of weirdly linked and not by any design," Mulligan said in an interview last month over tea on a rainy morning. "But there is a kind of through-

line. It's like a women's liberation trilogy."

The roles have collectively been an education for Mulligan, each with plenty of relevance to today's battles for gender equality, within and without the movie industry. But Mulligan is also — and she stresses this — ready for something more modern day.

"I'm absolutely dying to do a contemporary film. I can't even begin to tell you how much. Every time I get a great script, it just happens to be a period film. There is something wonderful about getting to visit different eras. But I'd also completely love to do something contemporary. But it just doesn't happen," says Mulligan.

The appeal, though, of "Wildlife" was two-fold. It was a chance to work with longtime friends. Mulligan has for years known Dano, Gyllenhaal and Zoe Kazan, who wrote the script with Dano, her partner. (Kazan and Mulligan co-starred in the 2008 Broadway staging of "The Seagull.") And it was also a kind of part that Mulligan has seldom had the opportunity to play. When her husband strands them, confusion and regret consumes Jeanette Brinson, and she lurches desperately in search of stability — all while her son anxiously watches.

"The thing that really scared me about it was the idea of failing your children," says Mulligan, who has two chil-

dren with singer-songwriter Marcus Mumford. "To think about the notion of at one point letting them down in the future in some profound way, it's just so frightening." On the festival circuit, both in Cannes and at the recent New York Film Festival, Mulligan has found herself defending Jeanette, whose wheels may be coming off, but she's doing her best in constricted circumstances. "Someone in Cannes was like, 'Gosh, she's such a terrible mother.' I was like, 'Hang on a minute,'" Mulligan says.

Early on, Kazan — who for years exchanged drafts with Dano — realized she wanted to "advocate" for Jeanette.

"I started to feel very aligned with Jeanette. She feels to me like a there-but-for-the-grace-go-I character. To be a woman in that particular time period, having to live up to the archetypal constraints of wife and mother that are so narrowly defined," Kazan said by phone. "There was something about that that felt very poignant to me, very important."

That Mulligan was right for a messier character, Kazan says, was clear from performances in Steve McQueen's "Shame" and her stage work. Echoing widespread praise for Mulligan's performance in "Wildfire," The New Yorker wrote: "Mulligan casts aside her natural sweetness to bring us a soured soul, driven only by the courage of her confusion." □

'Black Panther' costume designer to receive career award

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ruth E. Carter, the creator of the stunning costumes of "Black Panther" and numerous other Hollywood films, will receive the career achievement award at next year's Costume Designers Guild Awards.

The guild announced Tuesday that the two-time

Academy Award nominee will receive the honor at the 21st annual ceremony held Feb. 19 in Beverly Hills. Carter's costumes for the blockbuster "Black Panther" earned widespread praise for how they incorporated African culture.

Her designs for 1993's "Malcolm X" and 1998's "Amistad" earned her Oscar

nominations. She is currently working on the Paramount Network show "Yellowstone." The awards ceremony will also include a new category for costume designs for variety, live television or reality competition shows. Films created for television and streaming services will also now be eligible for recognition. □



FILE - In this March, 20, 2018, file photo, renowned costume designer Ruth Carter, who has designed for films including "Roots" and "Black Panther," introduces a new retrospective fashion exhibition, at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

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Anywhere but Washington: Why DC stories rarely film in DC

By **ASHRAF KHALIL**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a hobby among District of Columbia locals: Picking apart glaring geographic and architectural inaccuracies in movies and television shows set in Washington.

One of the most famous is the 1987 film "No Way Out," where Kevin Costner escapes pursuers by taking a subway from Georgetown. No subway station has ever existed in the tony neighborhood. The opening credits of the new Amazon show "Jack Ryan" show the title character biking to work via a route that makes no geographic sense.

The reason for this disconnect is simple: Few TV shows or movies actually film in Washington. That's something district officials are trying to change. They scored one success last summer with the filming of the Wonder Woman sequel in the district. And they have a high-profile ally in author George Pelecanos, who has set all 20 of his crime novels in the Washington area and is on a personal mission to turn the nation's capital into a film hub.

But they have difficulties overcome. Other cities offer more generous tax incentives. Filmmakers say Washington can be a difficult place for them — the entire district is a no-fly zone for helicopters and drones. Those seeking film permits must sometimes contend with several overlapping police forces: the district's Metropolitan Police, National Parks Service police, the United States Capitol Police and the Secret Service.

So Washington-centric series like "House of Cards" or "Veep" typically come to the District just to shoot what locals call the "postcard shots" of the monuments or the White House, then do their principal filming elsewhere. "The Americans" was set in Washington, but filmed in Brooklyn; "NCIS" has been set in Washington for 16 seasons, but fakes the district in southern California. "The Post" was filmed



This image provided by Erin Aulov shows a scene on Wisconsin Avenue in the Georgetown section of Washington on July 1, 2018, during the filming of the new Wonder Woman movie.

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in Brooklyn and "Lincoln" was filmed in Richmond, Virginia — the capital of the Confederacy.

But Angela Gates, director of Washington's Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment, feels like the district is on a roll after the "Wonder Woman" shooting.

"That says a lot about how far we've come," Gates said. "When you do a project well, word of mouth starts to get around."

Gates said 2016 was a turn-

ing point. That's when Mayor Muriel Bowser reinstituted Washington's dormant tax rebate program. A production spending more than \$250,000 filming in the district can apply for a rebate of up to 35% of taxable expenditures, with further incentives for hiring local residents. Her office also helps secure permissions from law enforcement.

"We have a seat at the table now," Gates said. "These are game-changing times for us."

Pelecanos' support has also helped. His popularity is surging due to his work as a writer on "The Wire." Now he's the executive producer of the HBO show "The Deuce." He recently completed an independent film, "DC Noir," based on his stories, and made a point of filming in all eight of Washington's wards.

"The city's beautiful, and it hasn't really been exploited yet," said Pelecanos, who grew up just outside the district in Silver Spring, Mary-

land, but regularly came into Washington to work in his father's diner.

Pelecanos recalls many inaccuracies in Washington-based movies and shows, but he has a particular peeve about fire escapes. It bothers him when movies purportedly set in the district show apartment buildings with New York-style zig-zag escapes.

"Baltimore or New York can look like D.C. to anybody but Washingtonians," said Kyle David Crosby of Pictureshow Productions, who worked on "DC Noir."

Still, competing against film hotspots like Georgia, Louisiana and New Mexico is hard. Washington's funding package is relatively modest—about \$5 million per year.

Vans Stevenson, senior vice president for state government affairs for the Motion Picture Association of America, said Washington's rebate funding is dwarfed by most of its rivals.

"They've put some money in it, but it's still not competitive," he said.

Still Stevenson said Washington has "a wonderful track record" and enjoys "a good reputation of being able to accommodate productions."

Crosby said the difficulties of filming in Washington are often exaggerated. It can sometimes take a little longer to secure permission, but generally the process works. However certain sites like the Vietnam Memorial are off-limits and, "You're not putting a camera crew on the steps of the Capitol ever. You're just not," he said.

Crosby said local filming increased after the tax rebates were reinstituted, with movies like "Jackie" and "Spider-Man: Homecoming" filming there. But he describes a chicken-and-egg problem: there's a shortage of specialized equipment because there aren't enough productions to justify keeping them in Washington. "For now if you're going to do a major project here, you're bringing most of your trucks from outside," he said. □



This image provided by Bill Gray via DC Noir, LLC., shows writer George Pelecanos on the set of his upcoming film DC NOIR in Washington.

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